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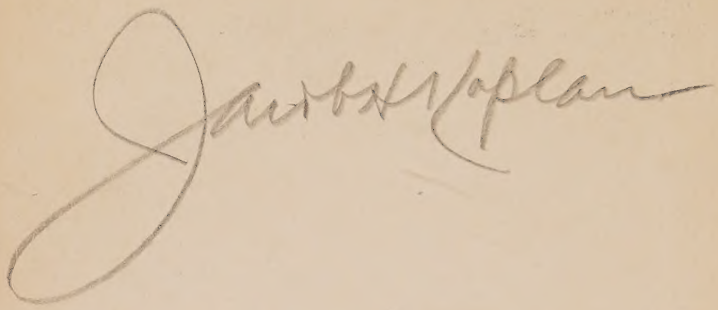

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"Day after day, we think what she is doing
In those bright realms of air;
Year after year, her tender steps pursuing,
Behold her grown more fair.

Not as child shall we again behold her;
For when with rapture wild
In our embraces we again enfold her,
She will not be a child

But a fair maiden, in her Father's mansions,
Clothed with celestial grace;
And beautiful with all the soul's expansion,
Shall we behold her face."

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PREFACE

THE contents of the following pages are offered as a contribution to the study of Psychical Research.

The communications were received at sittings of a small circle of friends, held in a private drawing-room in Dublin, from 1905 to the present year. No paid or professional medium was present on any occasion and the circle was limited to the wife of the writer (down to the time of her passing over in 1907), the writer himself, and a very few near relatives and personal friends.

The number present at each sitting, in nearly every case, did not exceed three, and was more frequently but two.

In the beginning the communications were obtained by means of a small table. The sitters' hands were lightly laid on the surface of the table, which, when the psychic or mediumistic power was present in sufficient force, and the *conditions* were favorable, *tilted* to one side, and by a simple code, continued to tilt, in accordance with the alphabet, until an intended letter was reached. Then the tilting re-

commenced, following the alphabet again, to the next intended letter, and so on. By this clear, but somewhat tedious, method, sentences were spelled out.

Subsequently the spelling was greatly accelerated by the use of the Ouija; a board with polished surface, of convenient size (about 22 inches by 15) on which the letters of the alphabet were traced. With this board there was a traveller: a piece of thin, heart-shaped wood (measuring about six inches by four inches) supported by three short legs, the front one of which served as a pointer. The sitter's finger-ends were lightly laid on the traveller, keeping touch, without pressing or controlling. With the necessary conditions the traveller moved over the board, pointed to letter after letter and so spelled out the sentences, in some cases as rapidly as they could be written down.[1]

The number of communications received was very large, running into thousands; and the individuals, purporting to speak, amounted to hundreds. The majority of the latter were relatives and friends (of the sitters) who had passed away. Messages from complete strangers occurred occasionally but were not encouraged. Many of the communications were simple greetings or messages of love of a

[1] A Ouija board can be obtained from the Office of "Light," 110 St. Martin's Lane, London, W.C., for a few shillings; but, a sheet of cardboard or paper, with the alphabet traced on it, and an inverted wine glass as a traveller will answer quite as well.

personal character and not of general interest. Those that are reproduced in the following pages are given in the *ipsissima verba* of their authors, and have been selected as throwing Light on the Future and picturing to some extent the conditions of life in the world to which we all are bound.

While not claiming to be scientific or conclusive, or to command the belief of those who are rooted in old ideas, the results obtained, if compared with—and found to harmonize with—the experiences of other circles, will supply a cumulative body of evidence acceptable to the minds of most reasonable people.

The old static conception of the Future Life with its two spheres, one a condition of passive happiness, and the other of never ending misery, though sedulously conserved by Churchmen, no longer satisfies the mind of the present day.

The former has failed to impress by its indefiniteness and the absence of aspiration or purpose. To stand around, clothed in white robes, with palms in the hands, and, accompanied by the music of harps, to sing Hosannas, does not excite our hopes or swell our enthusiasm and fails to satisfy our ideals for the future, while the consciousness, which must ever be present that some of those we have known, perhaps loved, are shut down in the fiery pit, without hope of release, is calculated to qualify the measure of the everlasting joy.

The terrible alternative, the conception of some anthromorphic god of former times, pictured as it has been by the genius of Dante, serves but to display the handiwork of the Creator as a failure, and is so unnatural, repulsive, and absurd that it excites the faculty of humour by its extravagance and unreason. At the same time, under the pressure of theologians, it has helped to fill our lunatic asylums.

Modern thought is no longer satisfied with these fixed conceptions of the future life. Motion, evolution, and progressive development supersede static conditions, and continuity of personal existence, identity and character, in a life of active and upward progress, inspired by a hope of a still higher future—to some extent pictured in the following pages—is more in accordance with the fuller knowledge of the truth which it is now our privilege to have, and with the highest aspirations of the immortal soul.

T. H. W.

DUBLIN, *December*, 1916.

[*The initials at the head of each communication stand for the person purporting to speak from the other side, but, on account of the personal character of many of the communications, the initials have been altered. The letter "Q" stands for the querist in each case, but the querist is not always the same person.*]

References to Passing Over.

D.D.S.

1905, Oct. 18: D.D.S: "I am happy to meet you. I am happy with N——"

Q. "Would you mind telling us how you passed over?"

D.D.S. "I was washed overboard."

1907, Nov. 7: D.D.S. "N—— and her parents are happy."

Q. "Are you happy?"

D.D.S. "Yes."

Q. "Are they present now?"

D.D.S. "Yes. I feel glad to speak to you. I am to tell you I fell overboard in a gale. Another thing same day happened; as I attended, an angel taking me near an Island, I saw a beautiful bright Light and N—— standing near it. The dear God was in the Light."

T.S.W.

1906, Feb. 22: Q. "Can you tell us what happened when you passed over?"

T.S.W. "I remember nothing until I saw such a glorious Light and L—— there."

Q. "She was there to meet you?"

T.S.W. "Yes."

J.E.C.

Feb. 22: J.E.C. "You are wishing to hear how I came over?"

Q. "Yes, very much."

J.E.C. "I remember waking in this beautiful world and saw so many friends. The Light was wonderful and I knew that my God was there."

W.M.C.

Feb. 23: Q. "Can you tell us about your passing over?"

W.M.C. "I remember being carried through soft air and was with an angel who brought me to this lovely land and there was glorious radiance."

R.A.C.

Mar. 8: Q. "Will you tell us what you remember about your passing over."

R.A.C. "I remember passing through the air with an angel who held me up. We came to a wonderful light and I saw father, mother and D. waiting for me."

P.E.F.

March 9: Q. "Will you please tell us what happened when you passed over?"

P.E.F. "I remember going with a radiant being through the air to a great light where I saw J—— [her husband]."

Q. "You were delighted at that?"

P.E.F. "Yes [emphatically][1] and J.R. [her daughter] and my father and mother and sisters."

Q. "Was Aunt J.A. there?"

P.E.F. "Yes! I was so happy! The good God was there!"

Q. "Were you more conscious of His presence *there* than you were here?"

P.E.F. "Yes! He gave me all."

H.Y.M.

March 9: Q. "Will you tell us what you remember happened when you passed over?"

H.Y.M. "An angel was waiting for me and we went through the air and saw a great light. My sister was there and A. and F. and B. and A." [His children.]

J.N.C.

Mar. 11: Q. "Can you tell us what happened when you passed over?"

J.N.C. "I remember an angel taking me with him through the air, and there was a bright light round me and I saw the glory of the Lord."

Q. "Did anyone meet you?"

J.N.C. "Yes, Aunt F. and mother."

T.S.N.H.

March 13: Q. "Will you tell us what you remember about your passing over?"

[1] Marked by an exceptionally strong movement.

T.S.N.H. "I saw an angel near me waiting to take me with him and he bore me gently through the air, and I saw a bright light—wonderful to behold—and H. waiting for me."

Q. "What was the light you saw?"

T.S.N.H. "It was the glory of God."

Q. "Did you feel in His Presence?"

T.S.N.H. "Yes."

E.A.C.

March 22: Q. "I remember hearing that when you were passing over you exclaimed:—'Oh! Happy, happy!' Can you tell us about it?"

E.A.C. "I saw an angel, so lovely, coming for me. He was so kind looking and took me in his arms and carried me through the air. I saw a bright light. My father met me, with my mother."

R.D.C.

March 24: Q. "Will you tell us about your passing over?"

R.D.C. "I remember seeing an angel with me. We passed through the air and came to a bright light. I saw the two R.'s waiting for me."

Q. "How did our daughter look?"

R.D.C. "She was grown a girl." [Had died in infancy].

Q. "Whom did she remind you of?"

R.D.C. "Her grandmother W."

Q. "Do you all live together?"

R.D.C. "Yes."

D.H.G.

April 8: Q. "Will you tell us about your passing over?"

D.H.G. "I remember seeing a lovely light; it stopped near me. An angel came and took me up, and followed the light to where a *great* light shone and I saw my husband and child. They were so happy to meet me and I rejoiced to meet them."

Q. "Can you tell us what the great light was?"

D.H.G. "It was the Universal Spirit and Comforter which lights all mankind! I am happy with my dear ones and happy to commune with you."

H.H.W.

April 7: Q. "Can you tell us what you remember about your passing over?"

H.H.W. "I saw a bright light and an angel carrying me through the air and I saw a bright light——"

C.B.T.

April 27: Q. "Can you tell us what happened when you passed over?"

C.B.T. "I saw a light with an angel ——"

(Continuation of the foregoing).

April 28: "and he carried me through the air to a bright light and I saw ——"

(Continuation further)

April 29: B. "I am with her here."

May 4: "I recollect passing over, with an angel to a light, where God was, with great glory. I worshipped Him."

R.A.M.

June 23: Q. "Can you tell us about your passing over?"

R.A.M. "I remember a heavenly creature with a beautiful smile, with me, going to a bright light. I knew the Lord was there."

S.L.G.

July 29: Q. "Tell us how you passed over?"

S.L.G. "I was drowned. I was looking at the north star and overbalanced myself and fell in."

R.L.S.

July 30: Q. "Will you tell us how you passed over?"

R.L.S. "I saw an angelic creature standing beside me. I was taken up and carried through the air to a bright country with such a resplendent light shining about God."

B.Y.W.

Nov. 10: Q. "How did you pass over?"

B.Y.W. "An angel carried me over to a bright light where God was."

C.S.T.

Nov. 24: Q. "How did you pass over?"

C.S.T. "Not a sound broke the stillness when an angel stood beside me. Oh! so lovely! I was taken up and carried through the lovely air to a bright light where was the dear God."

Q. "Did anyone meet you there?"

C.S.T. "My sister K."

G.E.F.

Dec. 30: Q. "How did you pass over?"

G.E.F. "I had lovely thoughts of my Heavenly Father and saw an angel looking so sweetly at me. She took me in her arms, carried me to a bright region where I saw a bright glorious light and knew the Lord was there. Saw my father, meeting me, looking so happy."

A.D.W.

1908, Aug. 16: [He strongly disbelieved in spirit communication].

A.D.W. "D—— was right concerning death."

Q. "Have you a message for her."

A.D.W. "Tell her she was right about communicating with those who were on earth."

Q. "Can you tell us about your passing over?"

A.D.W. "I was carried by angels and was brought along through countries strange to me till I reached the place we now are in. I was glad to see L. [his wife] waiting for me.

You [to Q.] and G. brought my body home; I am glad that I can speak to you."

October 9: A.D.W. "I was walking up with a guide when I suddenly felt weak and I remember no more till I saw an angel beside me, and then I was carried through cloudy places and lovely resting places. My dear wife was there and E. was too."

OCCUPATIONS ON THE OTHER SIDE.

A question which was frequently put, and generally very readily responded to, was :—

"What is your occupation?"

The following are some of the answers :—

A.E.M.

1905, Oct. 21 : "I use my talents helping others. I am helping little children to grow good."

Dec. 19 : "Teaching children to read and sing and write."

H.Y.M.

Oct. 21 : "Looking after horses and agriculture generally ; gardens and various things." [Was a farmer.]

1906, Dec. 14 : "A.F.M. [his son] is occupied at his farm. He rides very early and unfailingly puts to his horses in large ploughs."

W.M.W.

Oct. 25 : "Painting." [W.M.W. had been an artist and had painted portraits for members of the Royal family].

R.D.C

1905, Oct. 26: "Questioning men about catechism."

Q. "Catechism about what?"

R.D.C. "Learning their trades."

1906, Feb. 18: R.D.C. "I look after all men to see what they are fit for when they come over."

R.A.C.W.

1905, Nov. 1: "Helping aunt R.A.C. to write songs of praise to our dear God."

J.N.C.

Nov. 4: "Writing." [Was a magnificent penman].

E.N.C.

Nov. 18: "Painting and gardening." [Was an artist].

J.E.C.

Nov. 26: "I help sometimes sick people."

1906, Feb. 16: "I help sick people in your world."

Q. "How do you help them?"

J.E.C. "Influence their minds."

Q. "Is it when they feel badly you influence them to feel better?"

J.E.C. "Yes." [Had been skilful as a nurse].

M.Y.W.

1905, Dec. 3: "I am willing to tell you what T.E.W.'s [her son] occupation is. He leads a nice life looking after God's wandering children."

M.A.W.

Dec. 9: "I mind your father and little children."

D.L.W.

Dec. 12: "I live with M.A. and H.Y.M. [referred to above] and help him with his farm and horses and things generally."

W.M.C.

Dec. 14: "I read the words of Life to spirits."

S.M.C.

Dec. 14: "I look after those who are depressed." [Was a physician].

C.B.T.

1905, Dec. 21: "I mind all young spirits who arrive here perplexed, and who are good but require help. I understand young men."

L.Y.W.

Dec. 21: "I look after all animals."

Q. "What kind of animals?"

L.Y.W. "Young animals."

Q. "Arrivals, who pass over like young babies?"

"Yes."

1906, Feb. 16: "I will tell you how I employ myself. I always get my young animals out into the sunshine. They have to grow big. Loving little creatures they are."

I.C.C.

1905, Dec. 27: "I see after flowers and lay out all gardens near me." [Was a botanist.]

W.M.C.

Dec. 29: "She [his wife] sees after all young children who come over, and settles who are to mind them."

H.H.W.

1906, Jan. 6: "I see after all mourning spirits when they first come over." [Was a person of an exceedingly sweet and sympathetic nature].

E.H.B.

Jan. 10: "I am seeing after all young children—not babies—who come over, and giving them to suitable persons to mind them."

M.A.H.

Jan. 12: "I tell the little ones about the dear Lord and lead their little souls to His feet."

A.R.H.

1906, Jan. 13: "I write and read for worthy people and keep joyous as much as I can."

1007, May 7: "Working in a garden with plentiful bright healthy boys."

H.Y.H.

1906, Jan. 15: "I look after foreigners who are not able to understand the language. They do not know people of their race. Sometimes they learn quickly."

Q. "You teach them the language?"

H.Y.H. "Yes." [Was an accomplished linguist.]

W.M.J.

Jan. 27: "I look after horses and mind them when they come over." [Was a great judge of horses.]

M.N.W.

Feb. 3: "I look after slow children and teach them. Mother helps me."

R.A.C.W.

June 23: "She [her aunt M.N.W.] is gentle; teaches children, reads to the children. Her mother helps her."

D.H.G.

Feb. 3: "I see after women who are without friends. I comfort them and make them feel at home." [Was a very motherly person].

April 17: "J.H.G. [her son] is busy. He is occupied about holding meetings for men when they come over, to teach them."

H.H.W.

Feb 8: "I teach music to children.'

T.E.W.

Feb. 17: "Looking after unhappy spirits when they come over."

R.D.W.

1906, Mar. 15: "I mind the orphans who have no one here to be with."

N.M.H.

Mar. 23: "We are fully occupied here, doing what we are fitted for, and thus serve the Lord."

P.E.C.

June 15: "Trying how I can aid others like myself."

R.L.S.

July 30: "Read poetry to my children."

J.N.L.

Sept. 15: "I help my sailors, who pass over drowned, to life. Mostly English and some Scotch—no foreigners." [Had been an extensive shipowner.]

B.Y.W.

Nov. 10: "Doing errands, round about, for the present."

T.S.C.

Nov. 13: "I read to the youths."

C.E.F.

Nov. 27: "I help hesitating earnest ones [to] trust the Lord."

1907, July 2: "I am doing some showy pictures for children. I often cut out pictures and color them and paste them into books. Children like them."

E.D.G.

1906, Dec. 9: "I use my talents minding lonely spirits."

A.A.H.

Dec. 13: "I am teaching the neglected."

M.Y.L.W.

Dec. 17: "I sometimes help those who are ignorant, not having been taught; sometimes reading to kind friends."

R.A.C.

1907, Jan. 3: "He [D. K. her son] is helping his father often and other people about their business."

C.Y.T.

Jan. 6: "We all do what is suited to us."

Aug. 18: "I am teaching young men to read music and sing."

A.R.G.

Jan. 9: "Am helping all who are in trouble and tempted."

S.P.W.

Mar. 20: "I help children to learn who know nothing about their own world."

R.D.L.

Mar. 24: "I am engaged about planting trees. I am busy out of doors in planting the trees got many days ago if before [sic] Joseph [his son] comes to help me." [He had great knowledge of arboriculture.]

E.Y.P.

Mar. 29: "My occupation is helping on people who are not clever in learning and are backward."

R.A.C.W.

April 29: "He [T.S.C., her uncle] is arranging a nice garden for his house. His occupation is not yet settled." [He had passed over on the 12th of April, 1907].

T.S.C.

May 2: "I am occupied now speaking to soldiers."

S.L.C.

July 19: "He T.S.C. [his brother] is getting soldiers to preach to." [He had had a mission to soldiers].

J.S.A.A.

May 5: "I help people who are lonely and require cheering up."

S.H.A.D.

May 20: "I prepare the spirits when young for higher desires."

C.S.E.A.

May 26: "I help the new ones when they come over first."

T.S.D.

May 30 "He [a relative] farms and has people to teach farming."

J.A.P.

1911, Oct. 22: [Referring to a relative] [He is] "engaged in keeping unruly people in order."

J.E.L.

Dec. 24: "I mind little babies here. . . . Little ones who have no friends here and require help. I have many to look after."

B.A.W.

1912, Jan. 1: "I teach children to find their God."

D.A.

1914, Feb. 20: "I help A.C. sometimes. . . . He tries to save people."

THE FINDING OF A LOST RING

1905, Oct. 25: J. "I am pleased to see you."

Q. "J., I have lost a ring I was very fond of.

Have you any idea where it can be?"

J. "No."

Oct. 26: J. "E. dear, you are very dear to me! Have you got your ring"?

Q. "No, J. Did you see it slipping off my finger!"

J. "No."

Q. "Have you anything more to say to us?"

J. "On the carpet in your bed-room."

Q. "What part of the room?"

J. "Behind the wash-hand stand."

Q. "Have you been looking for it?"

J. "Yes."

Q. "Do you see it now?"

J. "Yes" [Emphatically].

[On going to the bed-room the ring was found as described. Every search had been made for it without success].

Oct. 27: Q. "J. I have found the ring in the place you described and am very glad and thankful to you."

"Did you hear me thanking you last night after it was found?"

J. "Yes!"

Q. "J. how did you find it?"

J. "I looked for it."

Q. "Did it give you much trouble to find it?"

J. "No."

CONCERNING L.A.B.

E.H.E.

1914, Feb. 20: Q. "You know L.A.B.; S's wife, passed over lately.

"What were her feelings?"

E.H.E. "She was much surprised."

Q. "Who met her?"

E.H.E. "Her mother."

Q. "Would she come some time to talk to her cousin?"

E.H.E. "She could not talk yet."

Q. "Will you give L.Y. & A.A.'s love."

E.H.E. "Yes."

Q. "Does she come back to her husband yet?"

E.H.E. "She is not able yet. She will be quite happy soon."

Q. "Does not the change seem happy to spiritualists?"

E.H.E. "It is much easier for spiritualists to become accustomed to our life."

"Our life is not far from yours."

L.A.B.

[Referred to in the foregoing].

March 5: L.A.B. "I am able to come now."

Q. "What is your name?"

L.A.B. "Your cousin L.A.B."

Q. "Who passed over lately?"

L.A.B. "Yes."

Q. "Give us a message."

L.A.B. "I am very well and quite happy, but just now I miss my loving husband."

Q. "Do you go to him?"

L.A.B. "Yes."

Q. "Who is with you?"

L.A.B. "Mother."

Q. "How did you find how to use this board?"

L.A.B. "Since she came she has shown me how to speak."

Q. "Did *she* ever speak to anyone?"

L.A.B. "No."

Q. "You would have been shocked, when on earth, at this."

L.A.B. "I would."

"I wish S. could hear me sometimes and he would not be so lonely."

Q. "But he would not believe. He would turn us out."

L.A.B. "I know he would."

Q. "How did you feel when you passed over?"

L.A.B. "I did not know where I was. All was strange and all was new."

Q. "Was it in the brightness?"

L.A.B. "No. Soon I saw my mother and I was

very glad. She told me I had passed through death and I was very much surprised. I had always dreaded death, but it was nothing."

Q. "Had you no idea you were so ill?"

L.A.B. "No."

E.H.E.

Q. "When will L.A.B. rest?"

E.H.E. "I think she will rest by not thinking. She is new to speaking. All is strange to her still."

April 23: Q. [the writer]. "Is it not nice to have [the two ladies sitters] to sit?"

E.H.E. "They are giving me a great deal of pleasure."

Q. "Their cousin L.A.B. came to us. She was a friend of yours."

E.H.E. "I have seen her here. She was very much comforted by being able to communicate with the earth. She is happier now."

COMMUNICATIONS.

T.S.W.

1909, Dec. 12: "Our family grows in numbers here. When all come here it will be like earthly people emigrating one by one to some fresh country. I see many friends here I knew on earth, and had forgotten. It is pleasant renewing the acquaintance, and we have many gatherings."

M.Y.W.

1908, Nov. 15: "We all seem to live here just as if we moved from earth to another country.

We await all of you. It is the natural order of things and then comes simply.

C. is much better here as she is not troubled with a body to hamper her movements.

All here often get what they were deprived of on earth, and thus the order of progression and evolution goes on and one gets experience from different points."

R.D.C.

Oct. 22: "Regular practice helps on both sides, and after a while the communications will become more explicit and interesting. We can only give messages now which can easily be suggested to

your minds. When fresh matter is suggested there is sometimes confusion. All communications depend on brain waves and conditions of mind and when new matter is given a new order of waves is set up. Here we are troubled with strong influences coming in contact with ours. Constant sittings harmonise the sitters, but new elements are disturbing. Storms [referring to stormy weather] are not helpful but this is hard to explain. We, being what you know as spirits, are not limited by space and time as you are. We are only thoughts, but just as real to us as you are to each other.

We try to explain as best we can but our efforts convey very little that we would like to tell."

C.E.W.

Sep. 20: "It is very wonderful here. Everything is like the old life but much more beautiful. There are trees and rivers and all is harmonious—animals everywhere, tame and roaming about quite freely. Everything is so surprising that one soon gets surprised at nothing. All have houses if they were accustomed to them on earth. All you have on earth is here. All I can tell you I will, but I find I cannot explain many things on account of the great difference of our conditions. When we speak of houses and rivers it is the best way to explain what we mean. They [the houses and rivers] are more real as they are of a higher order of things. Weather, such as you have, is unknown to us. We have great

advantages but corresponding disadvantages. These things are hard to go into."

Oct. 11: "New wonders every day are here. I can move about in a manner which is new to me. The earth is only a preparation for other things and one looks back on it like a dream. Everything here is more real than with you and I think of the great plan of the Creator with joy and praise. I cannot tell you of many things that I would like to explain to you as you cannot grasp them now. I think we are all happier for having gone through the earth life as its trials and lessons are intended for our spiritual education."

"The creed and beliefs of earth linger slightly with some but wear away quickly as spiritual growth advances."

Oct. 18: "I find I have powers which you could not understand—hampered with your bodies. We are just as real as ever—even more so—but I cannot explain it."

Oct. 20: "I am aware of the things that surround you. We do not see with your vision but in a manner somewhat like what you see in dreams. All is changed as to our senses. We know and are aware of things. Before a person comes here they have little idea of the wonders before them."

Oct. 25: "Time to you is different, but I cannot explain it well now. We do not reckon so much by minutes and years but by the growth of the spirit and by the deeds done and attained to.

The time to some here is longer than to others according to their state of mind."

Oct. 30: "Our life is the sinking of self and the helping of others. Thus we attain to happiness."

Nov. 27: "The children are troublesome. Little strangers that come and have to be looked after. We are fond of them all. Some poor wretched little ones whom we have to love and mind. They are all very precious."

Nov. 29: "I am glad to speak again and wish to try and tell you more of the wonders here.

All are here we knew on earth but we see them only if our minds are in unison.

We try to get together friends and go to help others who need comfort. If more of this was done on earth you would have a happier world but perhaps it is hard to see it clearly, surrounded as you are at present. Still, if people lived unselfishly, it would benefit them greatly and they would be happier."

1909, Jan. 24: "We all are busy trying to improve the minds and conditions of others.

Some help in one way just as they as suitable. We also have duties regarding those on earth, as earth and our life are much more closely interwoven than you think. You are so much taken up with your bodies and material things in general that you do not realise that your spiritual part is the only real and lasting thing."

Many come across that I knew on earth and it is hard to meet them as I think of them as dead as I do not always realise I am dead myself."

Jan. 31: "I meet many who are in my district who have things in common with me and who are bound together by the same conditions of mind.

We are all trying to improve ourselves and rise. What is known to you as evolution but with us more evolution of the spirit than of the body and race. All must follow divine laws which never vary. People think one thing or another but the law never changes. We learn just as we can understand, and when we are ready we grasp further truths, which before we would not have understood."

April 18: "I am here, mother too. We are here together as on earth. You must just imagine another world but with new rules which are hard to learn. As a child enters your world so we, having been through the earth life, enter this new one."

May 2: "I want to speak:

We all take our turn. The sun seems to be with you, the spring is nice. Here it is not quite the same as with you. We are spiritual and our seasons are of a spiritual nature. You have cold and wet which do not come to us. Everything here is changed to the spiritual side. I mean earthly things change to spirit. Time, space, and such things are quite changed."

May 23: "You have a beautiful day, I think, flowers coming on and all the wonders of creation. The spring of yours may be likened to the spring of earthly life showing the similarity between all things of the spirit and of matter."

May 23: "Spirit is greater than matter, but goes hand in hand together. [sic.]

Try to realise earth and material things as an entrance to the world of matter which reaches on beyond our comprehension."

June 13: "The wonderful scheme of the creation is always unfolding. We here are aware of it more than you. Life is manifesting itself always in people, but also in trees and flowers and even in all matter. I think you are interested in these things."

June 27: "Many round to-day. I am still progressing here and learning each day new things:

Be what thou seemest; live thy creed:
Hold up to earth the torch divine:
Be what thou prayest to be made:
Let the steps of the Nazarine of old be thine.
So let all speak a shade more kindly
Of one another than we have done before:
Pray a little oftener: love a little more.
Cling a little closer to the Father's love.
[He] will help us in spirit to return with messages of love.
God bless you!"

1909, Sep. 26: "I am quite used now to this life. You must know that thoughts are

greater than matter and can be seen by us. I mean many can be seen when conditions allow. Think of us not in a place but in a state. It is more real to us than your existence to you. New laws follow new laws and the more you learn the greater you find your ignorance of what is beyond. One must just know what they know."

Oct. 24: "Here are artists who produce beautiful ideas and we admire what greater minds than our own can produce. Thus all teaching goes on, the ignorant getting truth from those above them. Truth is always existing, but some grasp it before others."

Nov. 7: "I think you are receptive to-day. A clear day is best but not always essential. Waves of thought are often upset by fogs and also by adverse influences. These latter are the greatest difficulty and destroy the harmony which the whole spiritual world strives after.

You on earth usually attribute them [adverse influences] to sin and the devil, but this some on earth know is not the truth. We, here, while far from understanding perfectly, think that error, in not knowing the divine laws fully enough, causes a state of things inharmonious. You must look spiritually at these things to the best of your limited powers. We can see further than you in these things but can only try to explain them in a manner that will appeal to you."

Dec. 12: "I find many with us wishing to speak to you, both friends and strangers, but we will try and keep away undesirable communicators.

Many here seek to communicate with earth; some from curiosity but others wanting earnestly to let their friends know that they still live their individual lives and are not sunk in the grave waiting a last day.

They try to speak to their relations on earth, and being unable to reach them gladly rush to an opportunity like you sitting.

If those on earth would only realise how easy it would be to communicate, much happiness would come to them and communication would be an every-day occurrence."

1910, July 17: "If people with you would get rid of their horror of death, and recognise it as a necessary change from one state to another, they would grasp a great truth which would alter their views and brighten their lives. We try to teach this to earth people, but they are so taken up with their daily affairs that we can make no impression. Others who can be reached slightly think the old teachings the best and are afraid to strike out for themelves in any new line of thought."

J.E.C.

1908, Oct. 27: "Life does not end when the body becomes dust."

A.D.W.

Oct. 18: "It is wonderful, and, after all the limitations of earth, very pleasant.

At the same time we are confronted with many new problems which make up the politics here. Many are the views held here but I am learning to confront them and must first get the A.B.C. of our new lives."

Oct. 30: "I am glad to be able to speak to-night and to tell you all that life on earth is not the end but the beginning. *Here* we must go on again."

1909, Jan. 24: "I am enjoying myself greatly here. Each day is more wonderful than the day before.

D.H. [a relative] always believed in commnnications in connection between the worlds. I may say I am sorry I doubted her. Although I think [she] was inclined to believe things too easily."

G.E.F.

1908, Nov. 20: "I like being here. Everybody I see here is kind. New people come often but they must get accustomed to the new surroundings for things here are very different from on earth."

E.H.E.

May 24: "I want to tell you I am happy and that I see you every day. We are not always able to see you. Only when we find good conditions. I want to see how the children are and will try and see them to-day. Some people are easy to see if they are in sympathy."

July 5: "I am now in my new house, and my children with me. It is a lovely house all covered with creepers. Every day my friends come to see us and see the garden. My children make new and beautiful alterations, and we are very happy."

July 26: "T. is very well now and he has a garden. It is lovely. We all go to see it and he shows it to everyone. We sit under the trees and it is peaceful and quiet. Here is all quietness and rest. Friends hold intercourse and we are very happy. When we leave the earth we soon get accustomed to this new life, but it is hard to describe it as everything is so different. You with your bodies are entirely different. We have bodies but you cannot understand them till you come here. We are able to communicate with one another at a distance which I can only describe to you as thought-reading. This can only be done by those who are in sympathy. I can get into touch with you when you sit and are open to my influence, but when your minds are occupied with other things no communication is possible."

1908, Oct. 9: "I like being here, everything is so beautiful. We try to make one another happy, and there is no trying to see who will be best."

1909, May 9: "I am more used to my surroundings now. Everything is wonderful, and new ideas come to me. Here we can [move] about easily. You cannot imagine how nice it is. I would like to have you all here but it is time enough yet."

R.A.C.W.

[Shortly after her mother had passed over.]

1908, Jan. 12: "My own mother [E.H.E.] wants me to tell you we are so happy with her here. She tells us of you all and of your life on earth. We love to hear of these things, and I often wonder what you must think of our life here. We are all so happy together. Here we all try to make others happy, and this makes us happy. I will tell you more again."

M.Y.W. [Grandmother of R.A.C.W.]

[Following the foregoing.]

"Our young friends are all well. E.H.E. likes her life here. She soon got accustomed to our ways. She tells us of you all. We are always interested in news from earth."

Q. "How is E.H.E. occupied?"

M.Y.W. "She is at present in her house getting it in order. We see her at the garden and the children with her."

S.P.W.

1908, Jan. 19: "My own mother [E.H.E.] is with us, and we are very glad. My own mother will stay with us always. Most of our friends come to see her."

R.A.C.W.

Nov. 29: "We like seeing you when we can. Beautiful days are ours, great pleasure in the company of our loving friends."

1909, Nov. 7: "Beautiful angels help us here and teach us good things. If you could see them it would be a new joy to you all.

Little children come from earth and the good angels guard and protect them. Soon they are able to move alone and require new teachers. This is granted and they grow upwards towards God which we all desire to attain to."

1910, Jan. 31: "We watch you all when we can."

R.Y.G.G.

1914, Apr. 16: Q. "Have you something to say to us?"

R.Y.G.G. "So many things I do not know where to begin."

Q. "Tell us—has your mother passed from the state you are now in?"

R.Y.G.G. "She is with me."

Q. "Please describe the passage to the next life."

R.Y.G.G. "I do not know anything about it."

Q. "Tell us about your passing from *this* life?"

R.Y.G.G. "Death itself is nothing. I felt nothing but a great feeling of relief. I felt so light and comfortable."

Q. "Who was with you when you were passing away from us?"

R.Y.G.G. "How could I know?"

Q. "Did anyone accompany you to spirit land?"

R.Y.G.G. "When I wakened darling mother was standing beside me, and oh! how glad I was to see her again."

Q. "Can you describe the surroundings?"

R.Y.G.G. "It was a room like my own."

Q. "Was that before you had quite passed?"

R.Y.G.G. "It may have been."

Q. "What was on the other side?"

R.Y.G.G "There is much more variety here than on your old earth. I have made a move for good."

Q. "Tell us about your mother."

R.Y.G.G. "She is like herself, but much happier than I ever saw her."

Q. "And R.Y. is so too?"

R.Y.G.G. "Yes."

Q. "We shall have a good laugh when we meet."

R.Y.G.G. "We shall indeed. Things are not just exactly the same as with you."

Q. "Can you tell us in what they differ?"

R.Y.G.G. "Some things are like earth, but they change very easily."

Q. "Does your thought make them change?"

R.Y.G.G. "That is just it."

Q. "What do you do all the time?"

R.Y.G.G. "I think a great deal. I have a great deal to learn."

Q. "Who teaches you?"

R.Y.G.G. "Sometimes I am taught just as you are by the Holy Spirit of God and sometimes by those whom I can see and talk to."

Q. "Are there angels in your sphere?"

R.Y.G.G. "Not with wings, like a child's picture

book. There are messengers from God who teach us and they are very, very beautiful because they shine with holiness and power and intellect, but—no wings."

Q. "Have they once been on the earth?"

R.Y.G.G. "I really suppose so."

Q. "Do you make friends of them and can you converse with them?"

R.Y.G.G. "Yes, but we can converse without being with people, as you must."

Q. "Can you explain that?"

R.Y.G.G. "Don't you know there is such a thing as telepathy?"

Q. "And you work it better than we do?"

R.Y.G.G. "Yes."

Q. "Is that the ordinary mode of communicating there?"

R.Y.G.G. "Some can use it better than others."

Q. "How do you speak to us through the Ouija?"

R.Y.G.G. "I do not perfectly understand it yet."

Q. "Is there anyone helping you at it?"

R.Y.G.G. "I can do it myself but I cannot explain it."

Q. "Is it through our brain you work?"

R.Y.G.G. "I do not think [it] is the brain. I am not a scientific man."

Q. "Are there emanations from us?"

R.Y.G.G. "I do not know."

Q. "Have you food for your spiritual bodies?"

R.Y.G.G. "There is."

Q. "What sort is it?"

R.Y.G.G. "We have the food that suits us but it is not bread and jam. We have organs like what you have but things are not so deadly substantial as with you."

Q. "Do you get tired and take rests?"

R.Y.G.G. "Yes. I stop doing and thinking."

Q. "Do you lie down as we do?"

Y.R.G.G. "Just what I like."

Q. "Is there illness with you?"

R.Y.G.G. "There is, and unhappiness too."

Q. "From ill-spent life?"

R.Y.G.G. "Unhappiness comes from many causes. I can't talk more now."

THE VINDICATION OF A.R.N.

When dining one evening at an hotel a casual conversation took place between the writer's wife, and a lady, an old acquaintance, met with then after many years. Reference was made to one whom they had both known, whom, it was understood, had not been fortunate in her married life.

A.R.N.

1907, Aug. 17: At a sitting, shortly after, the following communication came :—

Q. "Who are you?"

A.R.N. "Parent of N.S—B.E.W.'s children. Over many years I was slandered unjustly. B. is untruthful. I was not a bad husband."

Q. "Why do you come to tell us this?"

A.R.N. "B. and her mother are liars." [Sic.]

Q. "Why did you come and tell us?"

A.R.N. "Because M. [The old acquaintance with whom the conversation was held] told you I was a bad husband."

Q. "Where?"

A.R.N. "In a dining room."

[A.R.N. had never been known to either the writer or his wife, who alone had heard the conversation and received the above message].

CONVERSATION WITH G.E.

G.E., from whom the following communication came, had been a colleague of the sitters in the work of the Society for Psychical Research (Dublin). He was a man of scientific training and attainments.

G.E.

1914, Mar. 20: G.E. "Hope that enquiry does not disappoint you?"

Q. "Can you give us your name?"

G.E. "G.E."

Q. "Is it our friend?"

G.E. "Yes."

Q. "Have you any message?"

G.E. "Very glad now that I am here."

Q. "What struck you most when you passed over?"

G.E. "I was confused at first. Then my father came and talked to me; then I understood that I must be where he has been so long."

Q. "Then the surroundings don't seem to have impressed you as different from what you were used to?"

G.E. "Not very different at first."

Q. "Is your world a counterpart of this world?"

G.E. "Yes, but not so dense nor so dark."

Q. "Can you [as an astronomer] locate your position?"

G.E. "I am in your world but not in your condition."

Q. "Are you in this room with your three friends?"

G.E. "Yes."

Q. "Please continue."

G.E. "We are not so limited as you are."

Q. "In what ways have you more liberty?"

G.E. "The body ties you to locality."

Q. "Can you move freely to distances?"

G.E. "Yes, by thought."

Q. "How did you know we were to sit to-day?"

G.E. "I seemed to be drawn to you."

Q. "A link of sympathy existed?"

G.E. "Yes."

Q. "Have you quite left the dulness you were first in?"

G.E. "Yes."

Q. "You appreciated our thoughts and wishes for you?"

G.E. "Yes, I thank you very much."

Q. "Can you give us any suggestion to improve our methods—in our circle?"

G.E. "Just be persevering and you will gradually have more results."

Q. "Is there a control on your side?"

G.E. "No—not now."

Q. "When is a control necessary?"

G.E. "When there is not sufficent power."

Q. "On the part of the communicant?"

G.E. "Yes."

Q. "Does a control protect us from undesirables?"

G.E. "You each have many with you who protect you from undesirables."

Q. "Is there any limitation as to what we may ask and you may tell?"

G.E. "No."

Q. "We may ask anything and you may tell everything."

G.E. "Certainly."

[In reference to good and bad spirits being together].

G.E. "The higher can sense the lower but the lower might perhaps not sense the higher."

Q. "Is there any different order of beings over there from here—such as angels?"

G.E. "I have not seen any but there are beings of exalted character and of immense power. These are those that you call angels."

Q. "Are they human beings who have advanced by their own goodness?"

G.E. "I don't know."

Q. "Have they any special mission or work?"

G.E. "I don't know."

Q. "Can you communicate with them?"

G.E. "No."

Q. "How do you know of their existence?"

G.E. "I have learned."

Q. "Have you got an occupation?"

G.E. "I am studying just as I did on earth but it is much easier here."

Q. "Have you got books, like here?"

G.E. "Not the same."

Q. "How do you learn then?"

G.E. "Those who are wise teach those who want to learn or whom it is desirable to teach."

Q. "Is all knowledge acquired here helpful in spirit land?"

G.E. "All is useful, if it is good knowledge."

Q. "Have you come across Dr. D——?"

G.E. "Yes."

Q. "Would he come and communicate?"

G.E. "Yes. Do keep on trying to study communication with us. It is good for you and good for us."

Q. "Does it injure you to bring you back to us?"

G.E. "How could it be injurious to us?"

Q. "We have been told it keeps you earth-bound."

G.E. "Not when the desires are right."

Q. "Can we help earth-bound spirits by our sympathy?"

G.E. "Yes—that is the truth."

Q. "We fear unhappy spirits [who wish to communicate with us] may be undesirable."

G.E. "They will do a good man no harm."

Q. "Sometimes they refuse to give their names and then we doubt them."

G.E. "Remembrance grows faint here."

Q. "Do they forget their earth names?"

G.E. "I think so."

Q. "You remember yours very well."

G.E. "Perhaps I may [not] later."

Q. "Do you get another name there?"

G.E. "Yes."

Q. "Will you tell us your name?"

G.E. "I have my own still."

April 16: "I am here G.E."

Q. "Our late friend?"

G.E. "Yes."

Q. "What have you to say?"

G.E. "Nothing particular."

Q. "Are you investigating your present life?"

G.E. "Certainly."

Q. "Have you increased knowledge on astronomy since you passed over?"

G.E. "Yes. I have wider views of nature."

Q. "Could you instruct us on those views—another day?"

G.E. "It is difficult to communicate."

Q. "At the present time, or always?"

G.E. "Always."

UNHAPPINESS AFTER PASSING OVER

A.R.G.

A.R.G. had previously made a communication of a character which could not be reproduced.

1907, Jan. 8: A.R.G. "I am happy. Don't tell what I told you."

Q. "Were you happy when you passed over?"

A.R.G. "Not for a time."

Q. "Tell us what happened after you passed over."

A.R.G. "An angel took me off, over to a quiet place and never left me alone. Resting then I thought over all my sins and shortcomings—he leading me gently to love the Lord."

"Oh! then he brought me and I saw mother and all the family."

Q. "What a nice reunion."

A.R.G. "Yes."

Q. "What are you occupied at now?"

A.R.G. "Am helping all who are in trouble and tempted."

Q. "People in this world?"

A.R.G. "Yes."

[Name not given]

1915, Feb. 18: Q. "Please give your name?"

Ans. "Names are unnecessary."

"I like to talk to you."

Q. "Is it long since you passed over?"

Ans. "Yes."

Q. "Who were you?"

Ans. "I prefer not giving my name."

Q. "What is your object in coming to us?"

Ans. "Great happiness. It is so long since I talked with any of my own kind."

Q. "Have you been isolated from your own?"

Ans. "Yes."

Q. "Why have you been isolated?"

Ans. "I am quite alone here."

Q. "Why are you alone?"

Ans. "Because I died. I have no friends here."

Q. "Where are you?"

Ans. "I am near you. I have no friends."

Q. "When you passed over did anyone meet you?"

Ans. "No. It was all dark."

Q. "Have you been in that darkness ever since?"

Ans. "Yes."

Q. "Did no one ever visit you to advise you?"

Ans. "I saw no one."

Q. "Do you see a light round us?"

Ans. "Yes. Yours is [the] first light I have seen."

Q. "Are there others about you in darkness?"

Ans. "Yes."

Q. "Try and help some of the others."

[Advice was here given, to think of others and try and help them and not to think only of his own condition: also kindly and loving encouragement and sympathy.]

Q. "Give us some name to know you by."

Ans. "Hopeless."

Q. "Are you troubled about the life you led when on earth?"

Ans. "Yes."

Q. "Good-bye, Mr. Hopeful."

Ans. "God bless you. You have helped a very miserable man."

R.A.C.W.

R.A.C.W. "Now I have come to my darling father."

Q. "Tell us about the spirit that was speaking to us so long."

R.A.C.W. "I did not see him very distinctly but I felt his influence. He was very miserable and unhappy."

Q. "Happier when he went away?"

R.A.C.W. "Yes."

Q. "Was he very bad?"

R.A.C.W. "He would not have been unhappy if he had not been bad."

Q. "He said he was in darkness and could not see anyone."

R.A.C.W. "He could not see me but I could see him."

Q. "Will you try and help him?"

R.A.C.W. "You have given him a helping hand, and others will now be able to carry on the work."

C.E.D.

1906, Oct. 23: Q. "Do you come to anyone here?"
C.E.D. "No. I am unhappy."

[C.E.D. was a stranger to the sitters].

A.E.N.

Nov. 15: A.E.N. "I am unhappy."
Q. "Have you a message?"

A.E.N. "Please pray for me."

[A.E.N. was a stranger to the sitters].

P.E.A.C.

1906, June 1: Q. "You have never communicated with us before?"

P.E.A.C. "I was with people who gave me advice. They were good to me."

Q. "Will you ask M. and C. to come and speak to us?"

P.E.A.C. "Yes. Our sores are healed."

Q. "Are you happy?"

P.E.A.C. "Yes."

Q. "You were not quite so happy before?"

P.E.A.C. "No."

June 11: "You are not to question about me."
Q. "Can you tell us about your passing over?"

P.E.A.C. "Near by stood an angel and carried me through the air to a bright light.

No one there but the angel who staid [sic] with me.

In another place I was resting for not very long when the angel told me to stay and think and I would be helped. Would I pray to the good God to sustain me.

I suffered a good deal. I was helped and got happier and was very repentant and loved the forgiving Lord."

June, 15: "The angel told me I was to go out to my friends. S. told me the J.S. would like to have me to live with them and I stayed with them."

Q. "Are you happy?"

P.E.A.C. "Yes."

Q. "Can you tell us your occupation?"

P.E.A.C. "Trying how I can aid others like myself."

THE CASE OF C.W.

Communicants on the other side.

W. Father of C.W.

S.
R.
J.
S.Y. } Relatives of C.W.

M. A connection of C.W.

1906, Mar. 1: S. "Are you aware C.W. has passed over?"

Q. "Yes. We heard a few hours ago. Were you [and W. (his father) and L. (his mother)] there to meet him?"

S. "Yes."

Q. "How do you know when people are passing over?"

S. "We are told. R. [a pet dog] knew him. He had a wretched look."

Q. "Was he unhappy?"

S "He looked unhappy."

Q. "Will he be with his friends?"

S. "For a while he will be in another place."

Q. "Do you know what kind of a place?"

S. "He will think."

W. "C.W. came over to-day."

J. "C.W. came over to-day. I saw him."

Q. "S. said R. [the pet dog] knew him."

Ans. "Yes."

March 2: M. "You are wishing to know if C.W. is with his family? He has gone to another place where he will be taken care of and wil have time to think."

W. "C.W. has come over. He is not with us. He went with an angel who will mind him and help him to be repentant. God is good. He will understand."

J. "C.W. has come over. He has gone with an angel to a quiet place where he will be helped to think. I saw him."

March 3: R. "I am your informant about C.W. He will be with his family when he receives a measure of wisdom. He will see things differently."

J. "I am glad R. told you what he did; otherwise you might fret."

1906, Mar. 5: J. "You are satisfied about C.W.?"

Q. "Yes. Since R. and you explained, we feel it is all right."

March 7: Q. "Could C.W. communicate with us?"

W. "No. I am helping to arrange to see him and will tell you when I know."

March 9: W. "C.W. will come to us."

March 21: "Ask C.W. to come and see you. They are sometimes let come to see their friends."

[C.W. was asked for, in accordance with foregoing, but no response came from him].

March 23: W. "C.W. is peaceful now and seems willing to talk."

March 25: "C.W. is going on well."

"Q. From whom do you hear about him?"

W. "A messenger tells me."

S. "You are wishing to hear about C.W. He will soon be better and come home to his family."

March 29: S. "You wish to hear about C.W.?"

Q. "Yes, anything you can tell us."

S. "He seems to be more satisfied and willing to be talked to."

Q. "Do any of you see him?"

Ans. "No."

Q. "Only those he is with?"

Ans. "Yes."

W. "C.W. will soon be with us?"

April 3: W. "C.W. is getting more satisfied now, talking to his kind friends who are minding him."

April 5: W. "C.W. is better and able to talk to his compainons."

April 6: W. "C.W. is progressing favourably, and is thinking quietly and talks to his friends. He will, I am sure, soon come back to his family."

April 7: W. "C.W. is going on well. All he wants is to come back to us when he is allowed."

April 8: W. "C.W. is improving every day now."

April 10: W. "C.W. will soon be back with us and is getting happy looking."

April 15: W. "C.W. wants to come back to us."

Q. "Do you see him?"

W. "No."

Q. "Do you hear from him?"

W. "Yes."

J. "I am glad C.W. is better."

Q. "Do you ever see him?"

J. "No."

1906, Apl. 17: W. "C.W. is getting more willing to come back to us."

April 24: W. "C.W. is doing well."

April 25: W. "C.W. will soon be with us. I will see him soon."

May 5: W. "C.W. will soon be with us."

May 15: W. "C.W. is longing to come home to his family."

June 7: W. "C.W. is well."

June 18: W. "C.W. is not home yet."

Q. "Have you seen him?"

W. "No."

Q. "But have you heard about him?"

W. "Yes."

June 23: W. "C. W. is happy: he wishes to see us soon."

June 25: W. "C.W. will very soon be at home."

July 30: W. "C.W. wishes to come home."

August 23: W. "Yesterday C.W. came to us."
Q. "Is he going to stay with you?"
W. "Yes."
Q. "Will he be able to speak to us?"
W. "Not yet."

1906, Oct. 8: W. "C.W. is with us and happy."
Q. "What is he occupied at?"
W. "He looks after weak men when they come over."

Oct. 22: "C.W. is happy."

Nov. 11: S.Y. "C.W. has returned, repented. Mother glad to have him."

H.Y.D.

April 23: Q. "Where did you live when on earth?"
H.Y.D. "In Ireland."
Q. "Where in Ireland?"
H.Y.D. "Clare."
Q. "Have you a message?"
H.Y.D. "No."
Q. "Why have you come to us?"
H.Y.D. "I like to speak to someone. [Have] none on earth."
Q. "What would you like to say to us?"
H.Y.D. "Pray for me."
Q. "Are you unhappy?"
H.Y.D. "Yes."
Q. "What was the manner of your death?"
H.Y.D. "I was very old."
Q. "Have you been long in the other life?"

H.Y.D. "Yes."

Q. "What was the cause of your unhappiness.

H.Y.D. "I was not a good man. I was very hard to my children."

Q. "You are sorry for that now?"

H.Y.D. "Yes."

Q. "Be kind now to those about you."

H.Y.D. "Ah! but my children are suffering now for my faults."

Q. "Are they still on earth?"

H.Y.D. "Yes."

Q. "What is their family name?"

H.Y.D. "D.N."

Q. "Where are they now?"

H.Y.D. "Dublin and Manchester and New York."

Q. "Are they working people?"

H.Y.D. "Labouring."

Q. "What led you to come to speak to us?"

H.Y.D. "I saw your light."

Q. "We will help you as far as we can. Do your children pray for you?"

H.Y.D. "Yes."

Q. "And do you for them?"

H.Y.D. "No."

Q. "Why not?"

H.Y.D. "I never thought of it."

Q. "Think of them and it will help you."

H.Y.D. "I will."

Q. "That will help you."

H.Y.D. "Thank you, ma'am."

STILL-BORN CHILDREN

Communications have frequently been received purporting to come from the spirits of children who had been still-born here but had lived, been cared for, educated, and had grown up on the other side.

Amongst these were T.Y.W. and S.P.W., brother and sister, whose existence was not dreamed of by their parents here. They received their names from those on the other side who brought them up.

Associated with them is R.A.C.W. the twin sister of S.P.W. She died when nine months old and her and their communications are of interest in that they could have no reminiscences of life on earth; their knowledge being all acquired in their new conditions.

THE CASE OF T.Y.W.

T.Y.W.

1906, Sep. 23: Q. "Do you know who we are?"
T.Y.W. "Father and mother."

Q. "Can you tell us where you have been all this time?"

T.Y.W. "Learning."

Q. "Who used to teach you?"

T.Y.W. "Sweet angels taught me."

Nov. 17: Q. "Can you see me now?"

T.Y.W. "Yes."

Q. "Could you not see us before?"

T.Y.W. "I should get into [alongside] the table to see you."

Q. "Did you ever see R.R.W. [his brother] before?"

T.Y.W. "No."

Q. "Who is he like?"

T.Y.W. "R.R.W. they say is like me."

Q. "Who told you that?"

T.Y.W. "J.E.C." [his aunt who had passed over].

Q. "What are those things Mamma has on her fingers?"

T.Y.W. "Rings."

Q. "Can you tell us what are the names of the precious stones?"

T.Y.W. "No."

December 8: T.Y.W. "I was away helping elsewhere —boys."

Q "Did you go very far away?"

T.Y.W. "Our wisdom——"

[Not completed]

1907, Feb. 17: Q. Could you come to me [R.R.W. his brother] when by myself?"

T.Y.W. "I will go to you, dear R.R.W., when I can."

Q. "Where were you on the mission?"[1]

T.Y.W. "In places to educate children as I was educated."

Q. "Such as you who did not live on this side?"

T.Y.W. "Yes."

Q. "How do you distinguish between our friends who are with you, whom we know, and the angels?"

T.Y.W. "Angels are a long time here."

Q. "Do you all hope to be angels sometime?"

T.Y.W. "Yes."

Q. "Are there angels who were never on earth?"

T.Y.W. "Some since the beginning with God."

Q. "Are the angels different in appearance from spirits?"

T.Y.W. "More lovely."

Q. "Have they wings?"

T.Y.W. "Yes."

Q. "Do they use the wings for propulsion?"

T.Y.W. "Carrying people from your land. I have seen them carried."

Q. "How do the angels know when people are about to pass over?"

T.Y.W. "They see them dying and fly to them."

Q. "Do they get orders or instructions to go?"

T.Y.W. "Plenty of messages go about them."

Q. "Do you often come to earth?"

[1] T.Y.W. speaks above of having been "away helping, elsewhere, boys." On another occasion he said—explaining why he was not able to communicate with a sister [on this side]—"My time at present is too taken up pushing on backward children and I go on missions."

T.Y.W. "Yes."

Q. "Can you see the people in the street?"

T.Y.W. "No."

Q. "Can you see us three in this room?"

T.Y.W. "Yes."

Q. "And others [if they were here] in the room?"

T.Y.W. "Yes."

Q. "Do you know any other language except English, as we speak?"

T.Y.W. "I only know French."

Q. "What is the French for bread?"

T.Y.W. "Pain."

Q. "Do you ever meet people there who can't speak English?"

T.Y.W. "Yes."

Q. "How do you manage when you meet someone who can't speak your language?"

T.Y.W. "Someone helps."

Q. "Are the conditions [for communicating] specially good to-day?"

T.Y.W. "Yes."

Q. "Why?"

T.Y.W. "Dust makes my sight dim."

Q. "Where would the dust be?"

T.Y.W. "Coming from the earth."

Q. "Is there more dust at one time than another?"

T.Y.W. "Yes."

Q. "Have you people interrupting sometimes?"

T.Y.W. "Bad spirits annoy."

Q. "There are not many about to-day."

T.Y.W. "No. They are not so bad, but lacking"

Q. "We have had bad spirits personating others and saying unpleasant things of people."

T.Y.W. "Hold to the spirits that are good."

Q. "How are we to know them?"

T.Y.W. "Ask God to judge the spirits."

Q. "Does communicating a long time tire you?"

T.Y.W. "No, if you are sympathetic."

Q. "Do you know W.Y.D?"

T.Y.W. "I am young; I will get him to see me."

Q. "Make his acquaintance?"

T.Y.W. "Yes."

Q. "Are there many round the board now?"

T.Y.W. "Rory [a pet dog] hears your voice."

Q. "Is he near my hand?"

T.Y.W. "He has his paws on your knees."

Q. "Is it there?" [Putting out a hand.]

T.Y.W. "Yes. He wags his tail."

Q. "Anyone else?"

T.YW. "Berty" [another pet dog].

Q. "Are there other spirits round the board?"

T.Y.W. "Uncle S.L.C.; R.A.C.W.; S.P.W."

Q. "Have they heard all this conversation?"

T.Y.W. "Yes, A.E.M. is here."

Q. "Is aunt J.E.C. there?"

T.Y.W. "She has not come yet."

Q. "Is uncle R.D.C. there?"

T.Y.W. "Yes."

Q. "And aunt R.A.C?"

T.Y.W. "Yes. She is more quiet than me."

Q. "When you address them do you call them 'uncle' and 'aunt'?"

T.Y.W. "Yes."

Q. "Are there strange spirits round the board?"

T.Y.W. "Plenty."

Q. "But they are friendly?"

T.Y.W. "Yes."

Q. "Do you know of other circles besides this and R.R.'s and G.E.'s."

T.Y.W. "At H.K.S."

Q. "Were you ever there?"

T.Y.W. "No."

Q. "But you have not communicated elsewhere?"

T.Y.W. "No."

Q. "Do you know aunt L.E.?"

T.Y.W. "Yes."

Q. "And others?"

T.Y.W. "M.N., J.A."

Q. "And uncles?"

T.Y.W. "T.E. and J.Y."

Q. "Have you houses?"

T.Y.W. "Yes."

Q. "Are they like ours?"

T.Y.W. "More beautiful. JE.W. [his brother, an architect] counts the cost, but we have them for nothing."

Q. "How do you get them?"

T.Y.W. "We do them for love."

Q. "If a new one is wanted do a number come and help to build it?"

T.Y.W. "Yes. Architects are here in plenty."

Q. "What about carpenters and other workmen?"

T.Y.W. "Plenty too."

Q. "Is there someone to direct labour for these things?"

T.Y.W. "Yes."

Q. "Who gives directions?"

T.Y.W. "Uncle R.D.C. for one."

Q. "And others in control over them?"

T.Y.W. "Yes. God over all."

Q. "Are there bad lazy spirits that won't work?"

T.Y.W. "There are, in another place."

Q. "Some come from there occasionally?"

T.Y.W. "Some do not come for a long time."

Q. "But they will come some time or other?"

T.Y.W. "The Lord forgets all sins when repented of."

Q. "Have you books there as we have?"

T.Y.W. "Yes. We make them ourselves."

Q. "Have you books of ours, like Shakespeare, over there?"

T.Y.W. "Yes."

Q. "And do spirits write books that we have not got?"

T.Y.W. "Yes."

1908, Jan. 19: T.Y.W. "I will tell you about our house. It is near a stream and many meadows are around. We are so happy together. We walk in the fields and among the flowers. I am not able to tell more now."

February 9: "I was away again. I went to far places where some wanted teaching and I saw places where I never was before. The people were very ignorant of good things: they were without help and we were sent to them. Others went with me."

THE CASE OF S.P.W.

J.E.C.

1905, Nov. 12: J.E.C. "I am very glad to see you."

Q. "Do you remember that little R.A.C.W. had a twin-sister, not born alive? Can you tell us is she with you?"

J.E.C. "She is where other children are who were born like her."

Q. "R.A.C.W. said [in a former communication] she did not see her."

J.E.C. "She will see her in a little while."

1905, Dec. 8: Q. "Do you remember our daughter R.A.C.W. had a twin-sister who was born dead?"

M.Y.W. "Yes."

Q. "Is she with you?"

M.Y.W. "No."

Q. "Do you know where she is?"

M.Y.W. "Yes."

Q. "Do you see her?"

M.Y.W. "No."

S.P.W.

1906, Sep. 11: Q. "Is some one helping you?"

S.P.W. "R.A.C.W." [her twin sister]

Q. "Where have you been all this time?"

S.P.W. "Long off."

Q. "Do you mean a long way off?"

S.P.W. "Yes."

Q. "What were you doing?"

S.P.W. "Learning."

Q. "Who were you with?"

S.P.W. "Nice angels."

Q. "Will you come to us again?"

S.P.W. "Yes."

Sept. 14: Q. "Did you know you had a father and mother until lately?"

S.P.W. "I was told."

Q. "The angels told you?"

S.P.W. "Yes."

Q. "Are you glad to be with R.A.C.W.?" [her twin sister]

S.P.W. "Yes."

Q. "Do you know if you have a brother over there?"

S.P.W. "Yes."

Q. "To be with you?"

S.P.W. "I have not power."

Q. "You will get power after a while and then you will come to us."

S.P.W. "Yes."

Sept. 22: Q. "Did you find it hard to move the board?"

S.P.W. "Yes. T.Y.W. [her brother] and D.K.C. [her cousin, also a still-born child] see you."

Q. "Are they standing with you round the table?"

S.P.W. "Yes."

Q. "Is R.A.C.W. there S.P.W.?"

S.P.W. "R.A.C.W. is standing by you."

R.A.C.W. "S.P.W. is my sister."

Q. "Are you R.A.C.W.?"

R.A.C.W. "Yes." "T.Y.W. is my brother. He came not long since."

Q. "Are you not glad to have him and S.P.W.?"

R.A.C.W. "They are companions to me."

Oct. 2: Q. "Who taught you to read and spell?"

S.P.W. "I learned lessons."

Q. "Was it the angels who taught you?"

S.P.W. "Yes. In a beautiful garden."

Oct. 19: S.P.W. "I came to see you for a minute."

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THE CASE OF D.K.C.

R.L.S.

1906, Sep. 24: R.L.S. "R.A.C. [her sister] has her son with her." [a still-born child].

Q. "Is he a grown up man?"

R.L.S. "Yes."

Q. "Where has he been hitherto?"

R.L.S. "With others, learning."

Q. "What is his name?"

R.L.S. "D.K.C."

Q. "Is that after his father?"

R.L.S. "Yes."

Q. "Who is it gives a name in a case of that kind?"

R.L.S. "Who they are with."

R.D.C. [the father of D.K.C.]

Oct. 2: Q. "Is your D.K.C. with you?"

R.D.C. "Yes. He is tall—is like R.A.C. [his mother] His eyes are like hers."

Q. "Has he a great head of hair?"

R.D.C. "Yes."

Q. "Where was he so long?"

R.D.C. "Living with kind angels who instructed him."

Q. "Did you know he was there?"

R.D.C. "I knew he was cared for."

Q. "Who was it that named him D.K.C.?"

R.D.C. "The angels."

R.A.C. [D.K.C.'s mother].

1906, Oct. 4: Q. "Tell us about your boy. Who is he like?"

R.A.C. "Like me."

Oct. 24: Q. "R.D.C. [her husband] was here. Did he make way for you?"

R.A.C. "Yes."

"There are two D.K.'s."

"I am so pleased to have him."

D.K.C.

Q. "Who was talking to us just now?"

D.K.C. "Mother."

Q. "Tell us about yourself."

D.K.C. "I am like mother."

Q. "Isn't T.Y.W. a friend of yours?"

D.K.C. "Yes."

OTHER CASES.

P.E.A.C.

Oct. 29. P.E.A.C. "I am with the U.S." [A family with whom she once resided when on earth].

Q. "Which of them?"

P.E.A.C. "H.Y., E.E., T.Y."

Q. "Is T.Y., a pet name?"

P.E.A.C. "Yes."

Q. "What was her real name?"

P.E.A.C. "E.H."

Q. "E.E. came to us [24 October 1906]. We did not see her name in the list of the family. Was she named here or on your side?"

P.E.A.C. "She was still-born."

Q. "Was she named over there?"

P.E.A.C. "An angel named her."

Q. "Which of the children did she come between?"

P.E.A.C. "She came after S.N."

J.E.C.

Oct. 29. Q. "We could not find E.E. in the list of W.M.'s children. Could she have been named over there?"

J.E.C. "She might have been."

M.Y.W.

Nov. 18. M.Y.W. "I mind the babes. Many times yours as well as the little newcomers."

Q. "The newcomers there or here?"

M.Y.W. "Those who come over."

Q. "Do you get the still-born children to mind?"

M.Y.W. "No."

Q. "Who minds them?"

M.Y.W. "They are taken by an angel to places; cared for like other babies."

G.E.O.

Mar. 19, 1916: Q. "Do the still-born children survive?"

G.E.O. "They grow up with the others."

Q. "I had a child that was six months old when she died. Is she there?"

G.E.O. "Yes. Her name is M.A.S."

Q. "Would she know her mother and me if we went over?"

G.E.O. "Yes. She is with us."

Q. "Are they at a disadvantage for not having lived the earth life?"

G.E.O. "No."

"She—M.A.S.—is like L.A. [her mother]."

Q. "Can you describe her?"

G.E.O. "She is dark; hair brown; like her mother."

Q. "It must be great joy meeting these when their friends pass over?"

G.E.O. "Yes. All are delighted to see them."

Q. "What is M.A.S.'s occupation?"

G.E.O. "She is at the women's college."

Q. "What is she doing at the college?"

G.E.O. "She is teaching."

Q. "Is she musical?"

G.E.O. "Yes."

Q. "What does she play?"

G.E.O. "She plays the piano."

Q. "Would M.A.S. come and speak to G.E.S. [her father]?"

G.E.O. "Yes."

Q. "Is she there now?"

G.E.O. "No. I will bring her soon to you."

CONVERSATIONS ON CONDITIONS IN THE FUTURE LIFE

The sitters were, two sisters (referred to as 1st sitter and 2nd sitter) members of the Society for Psychical Research, and the writer.

S.P.W.

1914.Mar.26: S.P.W. "Darling father, it so nice to be here with you."

Q. "Tell us about yourself, or R.A.C.W., or your mother."

S.P.W. "I am very busy with all my work here."

Q. "What kind of work?"

S.P.W. "I have little children to play with—to take care of."

Q. "Have they their mothers over there?"

S.P.W. "Some of them have not, but some have. We play games together. We have little gardens to keep and plenty of flowers."

Q. "What kind of flowers at this time of year?"

S.P.W. "There are red roses and white roses and lovely lilies of many colours."

Q. "Do you ever see me in my garden?"

S.P.W. "Sometimes I do."

Q. "Do the flowers fade in your gardens as they do on earth?"

"S.P.W. "I never saw them on earth." [She had been still-born].

Q. "Do they keep fresh?"

S.P.W. "No. They do not last very long."

Q. "Do they disappear, or do they wither or shrivel?"

S.P.W. "They often drop their leaves. R.A.C. W. [her twin-sister] could tell you better than I can. You have lovely flowers in your garden."

Q. "In my greenhouse. Have you greenhouses?"

S.P.W. "No. We have plenty of sunshine here."

Q. "Is it the same sun as ours?"

S.P.W. "I don't know. Our house is very happy, and we often say how much we wish that you were with us."

Q. "I often wish I was, S.P.W."

S.P.W. "Soon we shall all be together. . . Sometime I shall be able to tell you all about the flowers. They are so beautiful and so sweet. R.A.C.W. has a garden too."

Q. "And Mamma, she is a great gardener."

S.P.W. "She helps me to take care of mine."

Q. "Are there many friends round wanting to speak?'

S.P.W. "There are a good many."

Q. "Have you anything more to say?"

S.P.W. "I like talking. Mamma says I have talked enough for to-day."

April 9: S.P.W. "Mamma says I may talk to you for a while. What shall I tell?"

Q. "Tell us about R.A.C.W. and T.Y.C. and Mamma and yourself."

S.P.W. "We play games. We gather flowers and then we have grand fun with them. We have battles with them."

Q. "Do you throw them at one another?"

S.P.W. "Yes."

Q. "Do you make cowslip balls?"

S.P.W. "No."

Q. "Have you got cowslips?"

S.P.W. "I think we have but I do not know all the names."

Q. "Who was it taught you before you came to R.A.C.W. and Aunt J.E.C.?"

(Not answered).

Q. "How does Mamma spend her time?"

S.P.W. "Mamma says her work is helping people who are in trouble, and children who have lost their mothers."

Q. "Over here or over there?"

S.P.W. "It is over here."

Q. "What do you do? Do you help Mamma?"

S.P.W. "Sometimes she tells me to take care of a little child, younger than myself."

Q. "You are not a child now?"

S.P.W. "No. I am wise or Mamma would not let me take charge of children."

Q. "I suppose you think Mamma very wise?"

S.P.W. "Yes."

Q. "So do I."

S.P.W. "Let R.A.C.W. speak now."

R.A.C.W.

R.A.C.W. "S.P.W. is very clever about minding children, and some of them are rather troublesome."

Q. "Did Mamma ever tell you about the Crèche?"

R.A.C.W. "No."

Q. "Ask her and she will tell you: remember the word 'Crèche'—a day nursery."

R.A.C.W. "That is what we have here. When little children come here they have to be taught how to speak and many other things."

Q. "When they are done school what becomes of them?"

R.A.C.W. "Then they are given some kind of work suited to them."

Q. "Do they meet their relatives afterwards?"

R.A.C.W. "Yes; here they all meet some time or other."

Q. "Are there any there who lose their friends and never see them again?"

R.A.C.W. "Yes, for a time."

Q. "Are they always reunited afterwards?"

R.A.C.W. "If they love one another [they] are sure to meet again."

Q. "Do you sometimes see unhappy people?"

R.A.C.W. "Often, and then we try to comfort them."

Q, "And you succeed?"

R.A.C.W. "Of course."

Q. "Are there some that are always unhappy?"

R.A.C.W. "No person need be unhappy."

Q. "What makes them unhappy?"

R.A.C.W. "The only cause of unhappiness is when people are always thinking of their own pleasure. All must think that others have needs as well as themselves. All must learn that lesson here."

Q. "Do those who learn thus go on to another state?"

R.A.C.W. "Of course, as soon as they are fitted for more work."

Q. "Is the passing like our death here?"

R.A.C.W. "I don't know what death is."

Q. "Can you desribe the passing on to a higher life?"

R.A.C.W. "They can come to us when they want to."

Q. "Can you go to them?"

R.A.C.W. "Not yet."

Q. "When you pass on to another state will you be able to come to us as you do now?"

R.A.C.W. "I think so but I am not sure."

Q. "Do you ever see the angels, or, do you know anything about them?"

R.A.C.W. "Yes, and they are the holy great messengers of God."

E.H.E.

April 30: E.H.E. "I promised to come to-day. Ask me anything you like."

Q. "Tell us about life there."

E.H.E "Life here is different in many ways, but, in some things it is rather like yours. Things do not look very unlike what they do on earth."

Q. "The general outline of scenery, etc?"

E.H.E. "Yes. And they feel as substantial as with you, because they, and we, are fitted to one another; though I know that to you it seems all very immaterial. I remember how I thought of it while on earth."

Q. "M.S.H. [one of the sitters] notices scent. Was it you that brought it?"

E.H.E. "Partly."

Q. "Where does it come from?"

E.H.E. "We think of it and then we can form it from the atmosphere. That is one of the differences between earth and our life."

Q. "We appreciate how you can make it, but *how* we can appreciate it is a greater wonder."

E.H.E. "You have developed faculties that make you susceptible to it."

Q. "We have got a little step on the spiritual road? Does our sitting at the Ouija develop our faculties?"

E.H.E. "It certainly does."

Q. "Being in contact with your side?"

E.H.E. "Not so much that, as that you are exer-

cising your own powers, and those are the same powers as we have here."

Q. "Is that cultivating the spiritual body?"

E.H.E. "Yes."

Q. "Do you believe in re-incarnation?"

E.H.E. "No, I do not."

Q. "Is there as much speculation with you about spiritual life as here?"

E.H.E "Just as much."

Q. "You are just a step further?"

E.H.E. "Yes; but a very important step. I do not want my own body any more."

Q. "But the idea is, you might come back in another body, as a boy?"

E.H.E. "No, thank you! It is much happier here than in the best earth life."

Q. "You have to work off your follies here."

Q. "Is S.P.W. [her child who was still-born] for instance, not at a disadvantage from not having lived the earth life?"

E.H.E. "Not much; but she has to learn the lessons that we learned while on earth."

Q. "What lessons do you mean?"

E.H.E. "Such as self control and unselfishness and kindness."

Q. "Can you explain the inequality of suffering in earth life?"

E.H.E. "Sometimes they [who have had great suffering] can learn far more through a life like that than in a life that is easier, and God knows what is

best for each. I do not believe in such doctrine [compensation in one life for suffering in another]. All is ordered by our loving God for our good."

Q. "Do you feel nearer to heaven over there than you did here?"

E.H.E. "I understand more of His wisdom and I think I can trust Him more fully. To have had so much experience of His guidance makes one trust." You will feel just the same when you come here. That is one reason why we are happier than on earth."

Q. "Do you think Home Rule is coming?"

E.H.E. "I do not think much about those things now. All will be ordered in the best way."

Q. (1st sitter) "Is not my sister very trying?"

E.H.E. "Yes."

Q. (2nd sitter) "Is not *my* sister very trying?"

E.H.E. "Yes." "Yours is not bad frivolity. It is good to be cheerful."

Q. (the writer) "Am I not fortunate to have such companions in the sittings?"

E.H.E. "I am fortunate to be able to come to you by their help."

Q. "We feel you are quite an old friend."

E.H.E. "Friendship is quickly made here, because we can read character here."

Q. "You have an advantage over us in that."

E.H.E. "The body really conceals character very much."

Q. "We are not always so sure of ourselves."

E.H.E. "You cannot help that."

Q. "Tell me about the children."

E.H.E. "S.P.W. is a lovely girl full of life and joy. She is like you in face and her hair shines like sunshine. Each of them is unlike the other but all are lovely. We are fortunate in having such treasures."

Q. "Is the scent coming a sign that the sitting is harmonious."

E.H.E. "Perhaps so. Good-bye."

R.A.C.W.

May 8: Q. "Well, darling, how are you?"

R.A.C.W. "Quite well, thank you."

Q. "You are never sick over there?"

R.A.C.W. "No."

Q. "Have you a message?"

R.A.C.W. "We are all here."

Q. "The whole family circle? Shall we ask you questions, or you us?"

R.A.C.W. "You ask me first."

Q. "What kind of temptations are there in your life?"

R.A.C.W. "Of course we have our temptations to be selfish or ill-tempered or unloving, just as you have; also laziness."

Q. "To clear off your earth faults?"

R.A.C.W. "It is something the same."

Q. "Tell me about T.Y.W." [her brother]

R.A.C.W. "T.Y.W. is very good about helping others."

Q. "Could you explain how it is we get messages that have untrue things told in them?"

R.A.C.W. "There are often those spirits near you who are not truthful, and who pretend they are others."

Q. "And mislead for mischief sake?"

R.A.C.W. "Yes."

Q. "Can you prevent it?"

R.A.C.W. "I do not think you can prevent their coming but you can prevent yourself being deceived."

Q. "Could you be personated by a deceiving spirit?"

R.A.C.W. "Yes."

Q. "How can we tell?"

R.A.C.W. "Only by watchfulness and using your reason and testing everything that comes to you. Of course it is all only beginning now and soon you will find it much easier to detect those who would deceive."

Q. "Does your communicating with us attract great attention among the spirits?"

R.A.C.W. "Among some, but many do not care about it at all."

Q. "Are there any good spirits that don't approve of it?"

R.A.C.W. "I don't know."

Q. "Strangers sometimes have interfered in the sittings."

R.A.C.W. "Some have more power to communicate with you than others and they can push their way in before us."

Q. "Is not that unmannerly, and a selfish thing to do?"

R.A.C.W. "Very! I told (the 1st sitter) that here we had temptations to overcome and those persons have not overcome their selfishness."

Q. "Now you ask questions."

R.A.C.W. "I like your questions."

Q. "Isn't there something you would like to ask us?"

R.A.C.W. "I don't understand the earth life very well."

Q. "But don't you get glimpses of it sometimes?"

R.A.C.W. "Oh yes."

Q. "Does our atmosphere affect the communications?"

R.A.C.W. "Not much." [An interruption occurred here].

R.A.C.W. "A spirit pushed in there and tried to get me away?"

Q. "Do you know who it was?"

R.A.C.W. "No."

Q. "Are they bad spirits or are they unconscious you are there?"

R.A.C.W. "Some are not at all bad, but they can only think of themselves and they are almost unconscious of us."

Q. "How did you get rid of him?"

R.A.C.W. "I stuck to you."

Q. "Good little girl."

R.A.C.W. "Yes."

Q. "Are you laughing?"

R.A.C.W. "Yes."

Q. "Was the spirit angry or disappointed?"

R.A.C.W. "Both, but not much."

Q. "Was it a man or a woman?"

R.A.C.W. "I don't know. I did not notice. He was not a friend of any of you."

Q. "Tell us how you know that."

R.A.C.W. "I should have seen it if he had been."

Q. "*How* would you have seen? *What* would you have seen?"

R.A.C.W. "There is sort of connection among friends."

Q. "Do the friends—our friends—round the board overhear all this conversation?"

R.A.C.W. "If they are listening."

Q. "Are the dogs there—R— and B—?"

R.A.C.W. "Yes. S.P.W. [her sister] says to say that our garden is more beautiful now than it ever was before. It is quite full of lovely red and white roses and lilies."

Q. "Because your mother is there and she is a very clever gardener."

R.A.C.W. "That is just it and she always tells us what to do."

Q. "What other kinds of flowers have you?"

R.A.C.W. "We have purple violets and charming anemones of many different colours."

Q. "Do you know the meaning of the word 'anemone?'"

R.A.C.W. "No."

Q. "It means the 'wind plant.' Have you such a garden yourself?"

R.A.C.W. "Yes."

Q. "Can you see your father's garden here?"

R.A.C.W. "Yes, but ours is much nicer."

Q. "We must be content with ours till we get over to you."

R.A.C.W. "You will all come soon."

Q. "You don't measure time as we do."

R.A.C.W. "I think I cannot quite understand about time, but still I know it will not be long."

Q. "Are you ever in low spirits over there?"

R.A.C.W. "Yes."

Q. "What depresses you?"

R.A.C.W. "Sometimes I want to do what I cannot do."

Q. "And that discourages you?"

R.A.C.W. "Yes."

Q. "Do you get increased power of will and intelligence?"

R.A.C.W. "Of course we learn and we grow wiser and stronger."

Q. "Just like on earth?"

R.A.C.W. "Yes."

Q. "Is your mother there? I want to ask her a question."

E.H.E.

E.H.E. "I am here, dear."

Q. "Do you know that K.E.M. is very ill?"

E.H.E. "I do not see her very plainly."

Q. "Perhaps against next time you may?"

E.H.E. "I will try."

Q. "Did you see a letter I got from a friend about you?"

E.H.E. "Yes."

Q. "Was it not nice?"

E.H.E. "It was very kind."

Q. "We had a beautiful communication from R.A.C.W. I call her our little saint."

1914. E.H.E. "She is a real saint and always so happy. All the children are good and happy."

Q. "Could you bring a doctor friend to see about this lady?"

E.H.E. "I will ask. Take care of yourself, dear."

May 14: "I am come, E.H.E."

Q. "Will you talk to us or we to you?"

E.H.E. "Tell me what you want to know."

Q. "What is it like when a spirit passes from your state to that beyond?"

E.H.E. "I am not sure about it."

Q. "How long does a spirit stay on your plane?"

E.H.E. "I have very little opportunity of knowing."

Q. "Are there any rules in your community?"

E.H.E. "Certainly there are, but it goes with merit."

Q. "Are there any to decide the merit? Anyone in control?"

E.H.E. "The wisest rule and have authority because wisdom gives power so it is natural for them to have the power."

Q. "What becomes of the bad and foolish and unwise that pass over: Do they submit?"

E.H.E. "They come to us just as they leave you and they stay near earth as long as they are only gross, but it is one of our kinds of work to help to influence them and raise the poor souls."

Q. "Do they all rise ultimately?"

E.H.E. "I think so, but some are very obstinate."

Q. "They must stay where they are till they have the desire to rise?"

E.H.E. "They cannot really rise till they have some desire to do so."

Q. "Have those bad spirits power over us on this earth sometimes?"

E.H.E. "Yes, indeed they have great power over those that are no more enlightened than themselves."

Q. "Tell us your idea about the devil."

E.H.E. "There are some powerful spirits here who oppose all that is good. I think they are what we used to call the devils."

Q. "Do you see them or know them?"

E.H.E. "We feel their influence for evil, and it is they who oppose all our efforts."

Q. "When we get lying messages do they come from spirits like those?"

E.H.E. "Not always; often that is from the difficulty of communication."

Q. "Do you remember a lying communication coming [about G.E.W.] when you were here?"

E.H.E. "I do not exactly remember but there are many spirits that like to play tricks: just as when with you."

Q. "Does that injure our spiritual development?"

E.H.E. "You must just be careful."

Q. "We are sure of *you* now. Is there any test we can see in the other cases?"

E.H.E. "Your powers will increase. You do not realise what a useful work you are doing by developing your gifts."

Q. "Can you see progress on our part?"

E.H.E. "I am better able to communicate now than in the beginning, so you must be improving."

Q. "Perhaps, because we have been sitting together. Are spirits with you encouraging this?"

E.H.E. "Yes, it is of great importance."

Q. "Were you able to enquire about K.E.M.?"

E.H.E. "I was with her several times and I think she will do well."

Q. "Did you see me with her, paying a visit?"

E.H.E. "I went with you."

E.H.E. "Such happiness to be able to talk freely with him."

Q. "I often wish I was with you."

E.H.E. "Soon we shall be all together."

Q. "Do you take any interest in outside earthly things?"

E.H.E. "Not much, but I know what concerns him."

Q. [1st sitter] "You know he and we [the two ladies, sitters] fight like furies."

E.H.E. "I know all about it."

Q. "When you were here some of the old generations used to communicate. Are they there still?"

E.H.E. "Many have progressed and gone on to higher states of usefulness. It is like a school where the best scholars go on to higher classes."

Q. "Does it cause you much effort to come back to this room?"

E.H.E. "Not the least."

Q. "We are told it is not good for you to come."

E.H.E. "That is nonsense, for how could it injure me to talk to you?"

Q. "Only, because you are in a higher sphere—this world might clog you."

E.H.E. "You are not bad people. I love talking to you all.

S.P.W. wants to send her love to her dear father."

Q. [The writer] "And give mine to her, and a kiss—if you have such things over there."

Q. [2nd sitter] "Have you E.H.E.?"

E.H.E. "We have all that we want here and all that you have if we want to keep it. There is much similarity between our life here and yours.

I cannot talk more now."

Q. "Are you tired?"

E.H.E. "Yes. The power goes."

May 21. E.H.E. "I have welcome news for you."

Q. [1st sitter] "Who is the news for? To all of us?"

E.H.E. "[To] T.S.H."

Q. "Who is speaking?"

E.H.E. "E.H.E."

Q. "Well, what is the news?"

E.H.E. "The patient is going on very well. She is very weak and exhausted, but is regaining her strength."

Q. "Were you with her during the operation?"

E.H.E. "Not at the time but afterwards."

Q. "You think she will get on?"

E.H.E. "I do think so."

Q. "Anything you would like to say?"

E.H.E. "We always have the same story to tell, of happy work and interest."

Q. "Are your aunt and J.E.R. and uncle F.D. with you?"

E.H.E. "We see them all sometimes but they are not always with us."

Q. "Do you begin a new life in your acquaintances on passing over, or, are your old friendships as they were formerly?"

E.H.E. "They are never interrupted, they continue just as strong as they were on earth."

Q. "Do not those that are in sympathy come together more than on earth?"

E.H.E. "That is just exactly what it is."

Q. "Would the converse be true—a parting from those they were with here to join others who are in closer sympathy?"

E.H.E. "If there is not sympathy the persons fall apart; but, there may be exceptions. If one has a duty towards another it must be performed. A wife may still have to try and influence for good a husband, or a mother a child."

Q. "Can you tell of your powers and limitations of movement?"

E.H.E. "I cannot explain it very well but it seems to depend on the amount of sympathy that exists between the parties and also on the power of communication."

Q. "The power of telling or seeing?"

E.H.E. "Seeing."

Q. "We are told of some of you going away, as on a mission, and not being present."

E.H.E. "You are where your thought is."

Q. "When you wish to be in a place you are there?"

E.H.E. "That is what I mean. Thought is much more untrammelled than on earth. *Your* bodies hold back thought."

Q. "With you thought is creative?"

E.H.E. "Yes."

Q. [2nd sitter and the writer] "We are quite ready to go there."

Q. [1st sitter] "Listen to the suicides!"

E.H.E. "They are not a bit suicidal, but they have a glimpse of the happiness of our life."

Q. "If we knew more about it we should all wish to be out of this life."

E.H.E. "That would not be right."

Q. "Are suicides in trouble when they pass over?"

E.H.E. "Great trouble."

Q. "Are they earth-bound till their natural span of earth life is completed?"

E.H.E. "I am not sure, but I know there is a heavy penalty to pay for such an act of rebellion."

Q. "Is there any division of nationality over there?"

E.H.E. "Not exactly in that way, but, when I said, we meet because of sympathy, that shows that for the most part, people are with their own nationalities. It is only a question of sympathy. When they first arrive they sometimes find it hard to speak to others: it must be learned."

Q. "Do you speak earth language, or is there a language there you have to learn?"

E.H.E. "We can generally speak to people in their language."

Q. "How do you get to know it. Is it their thoughts you read?"

E.H.E. "I think it is because thoughts go direct to the mind. All is worked by thought here."

Q. "You cannot have pretence there?"

E H.E. "The thought would be known."

Q. "Have you anything like the theatre?"

E.H.E. "Something of the kind. We can make pictures of scenes which are not very unlike your theatres."

Q. "Is that a relaxation or for instruction?"

E.H.E. "For amusement."

Q. "You must have painting and sculpture and all the arts?"

E.H.E. "Of course."

Q. "Are people taught those arts?"

E.H.E. "They teach you."

Q. "Teach one another?"

E.H.E. "Yes."

Q. "Do you ever see W.M.W.?"

E.H.E. "Often. He teaches many a one on earth."

Q. "You remember he used to draw through T.S.H."

E.H.E. "He loves teaching people."

Q. "Did you hear of the musical prodigy. The boy in Paris?"

E.H.E. "No. Every musician has help from this side. He, the boy, may be very, what you call, mediumistic and some great musician can work through him. That is genius."

Q. "Do you sing now for the children or others?"

E.H.E. "Better than ever."

Q. "Do you have musical reunions?"

E.H.E. "Yes. There is plenty of music here and all kinds of beauty."

Q. "What did Flora mean by the 'Temple of the Lord?'"

E.H.E. "There is worship here for those that love to worship."

Q. "Would that suit old-fashioned Quakers?"

E.H.E. "Quakers are not old-fashioned when they come here, because they bring with them their pure beautiful thoughts. That [their formalism] all drops from them and the good remains."

Q. "Something now just before we part."

E.H.E. "Take care of yourself, dear. Good-bye."

R.A.C.W.

May 28: Q. "How are you darling?"

R.A.C.W. "Well, thank you."

Q. "You don't suffer from bodily illness like us."

R.A.C.W. "We are not so foolish as to make ourselves ill."

Q. "And do we?"

R.A.C.W. "Yes."

Q. "How do we make ourselves ill?"

R.A.C.W. "I am sure you do all sorts of foolish things."

Q. "Are you talking to your father?"

R.A.C.W. "Yes."

Q. "What should your father do to keep well?"

R.A.C.W. "I don't exactly know."

Q. "Are you ever weary and lie down to rest?"

R.A.C.W. "We do get tired sometimes and then we rest."

Q. "Have you night and day like ours?"

R.A.C.W. "It is always light, but when we come to the earth we have darkness when you have it."

Q. "When not at the earth where are you?"

R.A.C.W. "I think we are near the earth."

Q. "We have been told of dust and fog about the earth: can you explain?"

R.A.C.W. "It is not really so clear where you live as with us."

Q. "Can you see the sun and the stars?"

R.A.C.W. "Certainly."

Q. "Do the two worlds penetrate one another?" [Not answered].

Q. "Can you see us and the room distinctly?"

R.A.C.W. "Yes, I am near you."

Q. "What can *we* do to see you?"

R.A.C.W. "Perhaps you can learn to do so. Mother says it is not difficult."

R.A.C.W. "I have been helping a poor woman who has just come over, and she is in great grief because she has left all her little children; and I have been trying to comfort her."

Q. "Are those who pass over there in grief at leaving their friends behind them?"

R.A.C.W. "I think this poor woman is very sad for leaving the children. How can a mother be happy until she knows that some one is taking care of her children?"

Q. "How can she know unless she can communicate?"

R.A.C.W. "Ah, yes, she can."

Q. "Is the children's father living?"

R.A.C.W. "Yes. He is still on earth."

Q. "Did she live in Ireland?"

R.A.C.W. "I don't know."

Q. "Have you succeeded in comforting the woman?"

R.A.C.W. "Yes. I told her that she could look after them from here. She could hardly believe me at first."

Q. "Could you come with her and show her the way?"

R.A.C.W. "I helped her. That is one sort of work that we can do. Father asks us sometimes what we do."

E.H.E.

E.H.E. "I am here now but there was someone trying to get in between us."

Q. "Could you see, or describe, who it was?"

E.H.E. "It was no one I know."

Q. "Was it a friend of anyone here?"

E.H.E. "I don't know."

Q. "An interloper, who wanted to speak?"

E.H.E. Just so. R.A.C.W. speaks well. She is such a darling."

Q. "She was telling of a poor woman who passed over leaving her children behind."

E.H.E. "That is just what she loves doing, and she does it so well and lovingly. Dear T.S.H. you must try and take care of yourself."

Q. "Am I doing anything wrong?"

E.H.E. "I would like you to see a doctor."

Q. "Do you think there is something wrong?"

E.H.E. "I don't know, but, it is better to consult a doctor. He knows best what to do."

Q. "What doctor would you recommend?"

E.H.E. "I don't know now about the doctors."

Q. "You remember the one attended yourself?"

E.H.E. "I don't remember clearly."

Q. "Sir J.N.W."

E.H.E. "I think he was good. The doctors do help us sometimes when we don't know what is the matter."

Q. [1st sitter] "Have you doctors there who could diagnose him psychically?

E.H.E. "There may be some, but I have not met them: the doctors who love their work on earth. Dear T.S.H. I can't talk any more now, but see the doctor."

1914, June 4: E.H.E. "Am glad you saw the doctor."

Q. "Were you here at the time?"

E.H.E. "Certainly."

Q. "And did you hear all he said?"

E.H.E. "Yes."

Q. [1st sitter] "There is not much wrong with him."

E.H.E. "No, but it is better to be a little careful. You ought not to overtire yourself. I will not talk more now for S.P.W. wants to speak."

S.P.W.

Q. "Are you there, little girl?"

S.P.W. "Yes, but I am not a little girl."

Q. "I beg your pardon—full grown lady."

S.P.W. "Darling father, I do love to talk to you."

Q. "So do I to you. Tell us a lot now."

S.P.W. "R.A.C.W. and I are most awfully busy. We have care of several people who have only lately come here and need help."

Q. "Tell us about them."

S.P.W. "One is the poor mother that R.A.C W. told you of. She is getting quite happy again."

Q. "Can you tell us her name?"

S.P.W. "D.A.S."

Q. "Can you tell what country she lived in?"

S.P.W. "I don't know. Another is a darling little boy who was killed suddenly."

Q. "How was he killed?"

S.P.W. "I think he was burned. It was very painful."

Q. "Has he got over the pain now?"

S.P.W. "No. He is with the poor mother who has lost her own."

Q. "Do you ever hear of a great many children being drowned?" [In connection with an accident].

S.P.W. "I know it happens but I only know those who are given into our charge."

Q. "Who is it decides that such are to be in your charge?"

S.P.W. "A very lovely lady told us [of] those. It is not always the same person."

Q. "Who gives the instructions?"

S.P.W. "Yes."

Q. "Someone in authority?"

S.P.W. "From those that are higher still."

Q. "When they can care themselves you go to look after others."

S.P.W. "Just so; but we are only beginners."

Q. "Have you any work to do on this side?"

S.P.W. "Not just at present. I like coming to my father."

Q. "Are not you and R.A.C.W. always together?"

S.P.W. "Yes. Why not? We help one another."

Q. "Do you ever write [Songs of Praise] like R.A.C.W.?"

S.P.W. "No. But we sing them together."

Q. "Are they set to music?"

S.P.W. "We set them to music as we like."

Q. "Are there different pitches of voices?"

S.P.W. "I don't understand your words, but there are many different kinds of voices. Some are more like birds than others."

Q. "Has not your mother a nice voice?"

S.P.W. "Lovely. Hers is what I call a bird's voice. My voice is deeper than R.A.C.W.'s. They go very well together, mother says."

Q. "Have you any instruments that you play at the same time?"

S.P.W. "There are instruments but we do not play them."

Q. "Do you know what a piano is?"

S.P.W. "I can guess."

Q. "Your mother played on one when here."

Q. "Tell us the earliest thing you remember."

S.P.W. "There were always kind nice people taking care of us and there were always flowers and sun shine."

Q. "Do you remember coming and finding R.A.C.W.?"

S.P.W. "I think I do but I am not quite sure."

Q. "Tell us something about your brother T.Y.W."

S.P.W. "T.Y.W. is the best brother over here."

Q. "What does he do?"

S.P.W. "He has his own work to do."

Q. "Does he live with you?"

S.P.W. "Yes, but we are not always in the same place."

Q. "Who taught you to read and spell?"

S.P.W. "The lovely lady I told you of. When you all come over we shall have great talks together."

Q. [1st sitter] "Would you know my sister and me."

S.P.W. "I am sure we should."

Q. [1st sitter] "Two white-haired old women."

S.P.W. "But you will not have white hair. No spectacles here."

D.H.C.

June 12: [There was some difficulty in commencing]

Q. "What was the difficulty?"

D.H.C. "Not much power yet. I often long to talk with my old friends."

Q. "Were you present when E.H.E. and R.A.C.W. and S.P.W. talked to us?"

D.H.C. "Yes, they are all fond of talking."

Q. "We know where they got that characteristic."

D.H.C. "You always loved your little jokes. All goes on here well and happily."

Q. "You remember [before passing over] reading E.H.E's communications."

D.H.C. "Indeed I do, but now I understand them better than I did."

Q. "What was it strnck you most when you passed over?"

D.H.C. "There is a wonderful feeling here of satisfaction. No chafing. What we *desire* to do, we *can* do. You are not hampered by a heavy body any more."

Q. "It must be very delightful meeting all your old friends."

D.H.C. "It is more than delightful. It is heaven."

Q. "You know so many."

D.H.C. "They are all here and we can meet when we like."

Q. "Who do you live with?"

D.H.C. "I am a great deal with E.H.E. and with mother."

Q. "Tell me about R.A.C.W. and S.P.W. and T.Y.W."

D.H.C. "R.A.C.W. is quite beautiful and full of life and good spirits and always ready to help."

Q. "Whom does she resemble?"

D.H.C. "She is very like yourself."

Q. "Now about S.P.W."

D.H.C. "S.P.W. has the most lovely hair, with golden light in it and bright eyes and gay manners. T.Y.W. is much quieter than his sisters and is very gentle and intelligent."

Q. "It was a surprise to you to find him there."

D.H.C. "I was greatly amazed. D.K. is a little darling, we all pet him."

Q. "Is he like R.D.C. or R.A.C.?"

D.H.C. "Not very like either. E.H.E. was a little anxious about you, dear T.S.H., and she hopes you will be careful of yourself."

Q. "Do you know these ladies who are sitting with me?"

D.H.C. "Yes—by this time I certainly ought to do so."

Q. "Do you mean since to-day?"

D.H.C. "No—since you began your sitting with T.S.H."

Q. "If not always present you have heard the conversations."

D.H.C. "That is just it."

Q. "Did you ever see the D.'s?"

D.H.C. "Not very often. You will find it a great

happiness when you come over having just the people with you that you want. That is one way in which this life is far more satisfactory than on earth. There you must associate with those who are near you. That is often very uncomfortable. Here we often associate with uncongenial people, but it is because we choose to do so."

Q. "When you want to help them?"

D.H.C. "Yes. There is a vast amount of missionary work done here."

Q. "Helping the imperfect people from this life?"

D.H.C. "Yes."

Q. "Do you meet people who hold the old beliefs of heaven and hell?"

D.H.C. "Often. They gradually learn, and of course we help them to understand."

Q. "Does it take a long time for them to throw off those trammels of the earth?"

D.H.C. "Sometimes it is very hard to get them to understand that their narrow little ideas are only their own inventions."

Q. "Must they remain next the earth plane till they get free of these ideas?"

D.H.C. "When their aims are pure and unselfish it does not take very long. The ideas which are only dogma fall away, and then the true character has room to expand. But it is sad that the creeds on earth are so narrow."

Q. "You are talking to frightfully heterodox people."

D.H.C. "Heterodoxy may mean love of truth."

Q. "Can you tell us anything of spirits that come to us and personate other spirits?"

D.H.C. "I do not know much about them, but I have heard that there are such beings."

Q. "Could they come to us and personate *you* for instance?"

D.H.C. "I do not think it is likely."

Q. "How could we detect it if it did happen?"

D.H.C. "Those who are likely to communicate with you will bring good influences with them."

Q. "They would come more likely to those who are frivolous."

D.H.C. "Yes—or are sceptical."

Q. "Then they might be imposed on."

D.H.C. "Naturally."

SONGS OF PRAISE.

BY

R.A.C.W.

1905, Dec. 26: "With joyous sounds the new morn unfolds with yearning love to bless the world and use with grateful care all the glorious things God has prepared for those who love Him, and all those who seek Him in lowliness and truth. He loves all: He wants all to come to Him. Give Him your hearts."

1906, Jan. 11: "With all the beautiful overhanging trees sheltering the animals in the noon-day sun, lying in the lovely grass, a white peacock stood—his beautiful tail spread out on the sward.

Jan. 12: He looked up to heaven and [continuation of the foregoing] with silent adoration, simply sunned himself in the glorious effulgence—knowing that the dear God rejoices in the beauty of his lowliest creatures."

Feb. 11: "Only with long-reaching tendrils, which can twine round the largest oak, do we try to put forth our feeblest endeavours towards the great God. He lets the lowliest creatures lean on

Him and feels it no burden, but delights to succour all the weak ones who stretch out their arms to Him, hearing their cries when they think they are deserted."

1906, Feb. 19: "Parent of us all, the dear God leads us through various paths to His Divine kingdom. Sometimes through thorny ways and sometimes in glowing sunshine, but always to His throne at last if we keep on loving Him."

Feb. 26. "With all waving wings lovely birds fly around the scented fields.

Near by, stood a red-winged wagtail, with every sign of grief.

The other birds questioned him—Why was he so sad?

He said—They flew better than he could; but, he could walk better than they. Would they teach him to fly like them?

They told him they would like to walk like him.

They told him he must be satisfied with how the dear God had made him.

He smiled, and seemed happy, and did not repine any more.

We should all trust in God. He knows what is good for us."

March 16. "Oh radiant skies, with beautiful rosy clouds, void of moisture, chasing one another over the splendid firmament; high up flew lovely birds with voices melodious singing praises to the Lord.

With roving artlessness a little rabbit ran in and

out of its holes; also loving the bright sunshine provided for him as well as for the soaring birds.

How we all should love the dear God who sends sunshine for all—high and low."

July 8. "Peace, perfect peace, reigns around.
Fear banished in God's eternal love.
No one falls so low but the dear God lifts him up.
Rest and feel that He is near."

GARDEN PICTURES

BY

FLORA

She passed over when between two and three years of age.

1905, Dec. 19: "All is beautiful in my garden. Poppies red and white, all splendid in the sun. White tulips, like lovely bells, looking up to God! Lofty palms softly waving their fern-like leaves. Sweet little violets, scenting all the air, like a good angel.

I see such beautiful things I can only wonder at the goodness of the dear Lord who provides such beautiful things for us.

1906, Jan. 15: All shining with dew the fragrant flowers open their lovely bells to the sunshine.

Every snowdrop raised its drooping head and the many tinted crocus opened its gorgeous sheath to the light. Shy little wood anemones nestled close in their lacy leaves and velvet pansies delighted all beholders.

All splendid waved the laughing daffodils, all dancing in the lovely grass."

Jan. 15. "Everyone gazed in rapture on so many beauties together and praised God for providing such lovely sights for His children."

Jan. 19. "Shall I tell you of my garden? I gather flowers every day in my garden. Beautiful stately lilies and wild convolvulus side by side with the gorgeous rosetted holyhocks in all colors, the buds opening so fresh on every side."

Feb. 13: "Shall I tell you of my garden?" With joyful mind I gather my flowers all beautiful in the early morning.

Anemones with gorgeous colours opening their starry glories in the sun, and tulips their perfect shapes and lovely hues wonderful to all beholders—many hiding their heads in the long grass mingling the lovely scents to the delight of all.

Narcissus bending their beautiful reverend faces with joy—seeing such beauty around.

My sweet flowers—how I love you! Heartsease—Do you know them?

Pansies—some call them—the glorious peony—the spiky tritoma, so grandly beautiful. I gather all to put in the temple of the Lord."

STORIES FOR CHILDREN

BY

B.E.M.

She passed over in infancy.

1905, May 29: "My dear children, I will tell you a story about a wonderful fawn.

"It lived in a beautiful wood and one day a kind friend came into the wood and with great white wings made a house for the beautiful fawn. And hot and tired animals lay down under the beautiful wings and the sweet fawn met them and brought them into the cool shade—like the All-merciful Father who leads his tired children into the sweet calm of his wings."

1906, Feb. 9: "I would like to say one of my stories. With all loving pleasant animals I roamed in the beautiful fields and saw lovely white birds with their wings, joyously resting.

A wild owl came. It was blind. The kind white birds lifted it on their beautiful wings and carried it to its nest.

You should, my children, always help those who are in difficulties, as the dear Lord helps us."

Q. "Tell us about your children."

B.E.M. "My children are gentle and young. They love animals, and I can interest them always by telling them stories about them."

Q. "Where do you get your children?"

B.E.M. "They come to me when they come over."

Q. "Who brings them to you?"

B.E.M. "Those who are appointed to do so."

Q. "Where do they go afterwards?"

B.E.M. "To other teachers."

1906, Mar. 4: "With a beautiful light the day awoke and I was strolling in a lovely field when I saw a white bird trying to spread his wings. He was tired with flying a great way when there came by a little owl, with a stick. He helped him to get up and open his wings, by holding the stick.

What a little thing we can help another with! We should all find what we can do to help anyone in distress and so please our dear Lord."

Nov. 26: "May I tell you one of my stories? I lighted very softly on a mountain top with royal eagles beside me; their wonderful eyes seeing everything. A little bird perched near. It ruffled its little wings and flew away. One of the eagles seemed about to fly after it but stopped and said:—

Once I would love to eat the poor little thing, but since I came to this heavenly land I do not desire to hurt anything.

I enjoy life as it is—no idea of cruelty—but bask in beauty all day long.

The Lord loves it so."

1907, Feb. 1: "Can I say one of my stories?"

"Dawn over the charming dappled fields, changing everything to gold. A beautiful eagle descended from heaven and came down to where peacefully slept, safe and rosy, a sweet baby. Fearing danger from the ever stronger sun, the most thoughtful bird caught it up in its strong beak and put it gently in shade and told a sweet dog to stay by it till its guardian came for it.

So, my dear children, may we be helped in our need by thoughtful friends bent always about doing our father's business."

Feb. 20: "Shall I say one of my stories?

I have a beautiful net carpet, made by one of my children, spread on the grass and lending an air of elegance all round. Beautiful birds hopped on it. The grand shout of a lion was heard; danger seemed near; great terror arose. It will not hurt you said an old bird; everyone finds delight in beauty. The danger soon passed away. He walked round the lovely carpet; the little birds hopped with him showing him the pretty parts.

How He can put His creatures here like dear companions.

God takes pleasure in the smallest things and in all his creatures.

July 1: "Please say shall I tell a story?

The light of a summer's day was waning, no ripple ruffles the surface of the grass .A number

of sweet animals awoke, yet my own slumbers near were not disturbed. Beautiful perfect beasts afforded amusement to dear children who played with them, and every child caught an animal and played with it. Their nurses could not catch them. When tired each animal brought his little partner to its nurse and they kissed one another good-bye.

Is it not sweet such companionship?

All is love as God wishes. No discordant elements."

THE END

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